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The Thirty-fifth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, on Monday, the 22nd April, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

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FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

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HIDDEN NAZI ARMS WORKS

The Hague, Feb. 12.

The Berlin correspondents of the Dutch papers to-day describe a visit to a German secret munition factory. These factories are well guarded by S.S. men (Black Guards), and anybody approaching is challenged.

The factories are cleverly hidden among clumps of trees or groups of houses so that their special nature is not evident. The branches of the same factory are all some distance from each other—sometimes as much as fifty miles. The reason for this is partly that in case of an air raid only a little of the factory is damaged, and partly because one worker does not know where and how the next part of the same machinery which he produces is made, and this prevents espionage.

The papers also describe how the whole German population, including women, is mobilized, and how girls who until a few weeks ago were working in chocolate factories or as mannequins are now producing munitions.

Ferret sneezes—and saves millions from 'flu death

THE NEW BOOKS DOCTOR GOT VITAL CLUE

By MONICA DICKENS

A FERRET with sick, tired eyes and misery in his bones looked at the man standing over him, and then suddenly sneezed—full in his face. Two days later the man went down with influenza, but, instead of cursing, he rejoiced.

That man was Dr. Stuart-Harris, a British medical research worker, and the ferret was one that had been infected with the human form of influenza through being injected with the virus from a sick man's throat.

By that sneeze the animal gave the doctor the final clue for which he had been searching in his months of research on the disease—how the 'flu germs are so rapidly spread.

Had that ferret sneezed in a research's face two decades ago, the 20,000,000 victims of the 'flu epidemic at the end of the last war would have been spared.

As it is, if this war should bring a recurrence of the epidemic, it will not have the nightmare results of a plague, because owing to their research work among the ferrets, the men in the laboratories have discovered the vaccine that is the antidote to influenza.

This is only one of the many thrilling stories of man's fight against disease told by J. D. Ratcliffe in *Men Against Microbes* (Jarrold: 10s.). There is the story of insulin, the "Iron Lung," the Brain Bath, the part that science plays in agriculture, and the transformation of the long-suffering cow from her primitive state to a practically man-made, 100 per cent. efficient machine.

'Night Rider' Is Fine First Novel

"Gene With the Wind" certainly started something. Since its phenomenal and deserved success, a spate of long, exciting and slowly read epics, packed with basic, naked emotions and earthy adjectives, has been coming from America.

The latest is *Night Rider*, by Robert Pen Warren (Eyre and Spottiswoode: 6s.), and it is one of the best.

It is the story of the fight between tobacco-growers and buyers, and the formation of an organization which copied the methods of the famous Ku-Klux-Klan, and rode about at night in their wives' best sheets, burning and destroying buildings and crops and not stopping at murder.

The author is as skilful at drawing character as he is at describing a picture or creating a desperately exciting atmosphere. It is his first novel, and a remarkable achievement.

This Book Will Help You

DOROTHY SAYERS has turned her thoughts to deeper things than detectives, and the result is a short war-time essay, *Begin Here* (Collins: 6s.). She aims, not to provide material remedies, but to help people to that individual confidence from which comes creative thought, and to show that peace is not a passive, but an active state.

A great many people may go to her book for help and not come away disappointed. In one place she says: "Those who fear death most are those who feel they are called on to pay the price for a joy they have not received. If life can be made worth while, then death will not matter at all."

State Papers Stolen From Beck's Home

BUCHAREST. — Important State documents have been stolen from the former Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, according to reports from Brasov, in the Carpathian Mountains, where he is living in exile.

"An interested foreign Power" is said to have sent agents to steal the documents, which were closely guarded.

THIS GIRL LOVES HER UNCLE

A MAN who signed a false declaration when giving notice of marriage to his niece was fined £10 with the alternative of two months' imprisonment at Croydon.

The man, Charles Edward Skeet, thirty-one, a fur cutter of 81, Mark's-road, South Norwood, was stated to be now living in lodgings with his twenty-four-year-old niece.

Skeet's sister-in-law, Mrs. Florence Skeet, of Ely-road, West Croydon, said Skeet had been walking out with her daughter for three years. He told her he had given notice of marriage to her daughter.

"I told him he could not do it," added Mrs. Skeet, "and I went to see the registrar."

Detective-Sergeant Spash said Skeet who was single, made this statement: "I must take the blame. I knew we could not get married because of the fact that I am her uncle. I only wanted to do the right thing by her when she was in trouble."

"Only Man For Me"

Miss Skeet said: "I have been in love with Charlie for five years now. We wanted to get married, but now of course that is all over."

"My parents were against us going together, but he was the only man for me. There will never be anyone else."

"[A man may not marry his brother's daughter.] This is one of the thirty relationships given in the Book of Common Prayer's table of kindred and affinity 'wherein whosoever are related are forbidden in Scripture and our laws to marry together.'"

Nine Horsemen Of The Apocalypse

"THE four horsemen of the Apocalypse have now become nine," said Mr. Herbert Hoover, ex-President of the United States.

"These are Imperialism, destroyer of the independence of national minorities; Militarism, destroyer of personal liberty; Atheism, destroyer of faith; Hate, destroyer of the unity of man-

kind; and after them ride war and death, and finally there is famine and pestilence.

If the war were long drawn out its 'one inevitable end would be famine and pestilence in the whole of Europe.'"

He urged the United States to keep out of the war because the "chance for civilisation in Europe to come back again may depend on America."

G.B.S. BOOKS BOUGHT BY HOLLYWOOD



GEORGE BERNARD SHAW'S "Pygmalion" made in a British studio, has created an enormous demand for his works.

In photograph above, he is shown signing a contract with Hollywood for three of his plays.

They will be produced by United Artists.

Burglar wakes up Wendy Barrie—and talks

NEW YORK.

FOR an hour a good-looking young burglar sat by the bedside of Wendy Barrie, copper-haired British film actress in Hollywood, who was born in Hongkong, and boasted of his exploits.

At intervals he seized her hand and made her pat his face.

Wendy, who is twenty-six, was awakened at 4 a.m., according to the police report. She cried, "Who's there?" and a ruff voice replied, "Never mind. Keep your eyes closed."

Then a gloved hand was clapped over her mouth and her deepening sigh was pulled over her eyes. "I want all your money and your diamonds," said the voice.

She felt a revolver pressed into her side. The burglar said, "You're in the limelight. You've got it all right."

Finally Wendy persuaded him that she had no money in the house and that her diamonds were in the bank. Disappointed, the burglar sat down by the bed. He showed her his revolver, then produced an icpick and a chisel and said: "That's part of my equipment. I'm the guy who robbed Richard Barthelmess and some of the others round here."

He went on talking, then, eventually realising that it was time to leave, said: "I like you. You're O.K. I'm going to pull a really big job one of these days. I'll send you on a diamond."

When the police heard about it they said to Wendy: "But you had a revolver. Why didn't you make him surrender?"

Wendy replied: "I'm just a heroine on the screen, not in real life. I was too scared to try anything like that."

FILM SATIRE ON NAZIS

Hollywood's first film satirising the Nazi regime is Columbia's "You Nasty Spy," not yet seen in this Colony.

Produced with some secrecy, it stars the Three Stooges as German war lords, called "Hailstone," "Gallstone," and "Pebble."

Hitler's mannerisms are imitated by "Hailstone," whose speeches are in German, and "Gallstone" wears a gorgeous uniform decorated with medals.

To make the significance still more obvious, the plot has munition makers aiding a trio of paperhangers to overthrow the king of Morocconia in a "beerhall putch." No sooner are they successful than they start persecuting, burning books and demanding territory.

After a revolution in which "Mata Herring" plays a part, the dictators flee by mistake to a lion's den and are devoured.

BIGAMY CAPTAIN DEPORTED

CAPTAIN Ivan Poderjay, debonair ex-Yugoslav officer whose bigamous "wife" vanished mysteriously in 1934, has been deported from America.

Sent To Sing-Sing

He will be sent back to Yugoslavia. Police hunted three countries for his "wife"—a brilliant American lawyer of Detroit before her marriage.

Poderjay was extradited to New York from Vienna after she disappeared, and was sent to Sing-Sing for bigamy.

His "wife" vanished, together with her fortune, a few weeks after marrying Poderjay, and police in America, England, and Austria tried to trace her.

But she has never been found.

The Flying Motorcycle

NEW YORK.

A NEW plane which can take off at high speed in 50ft. or 60ft., climb steeply, hover almost motionless, descend at a precipitous angle, and come to a standstill almost as soon as it touches earth, has been developed in the United States.

It is the product of the Ryan Company, of San Diego, California, and has been demonstrated to the United States Army Test Board.

This plane is being called the "Flying motorcycle." It is a 420 horsepower machine, and it is claimed, has all the advantages of a gyroplane, without the latter's low speed.

TUNNEL BELOW A PRISON



A hole 50 feet long was tunneled under the Cherry Hill prison walls, at Philadelphia, by convicts seeking to escape. Prison officials discovered it. James Wilson, the convict leader, committed suicide.

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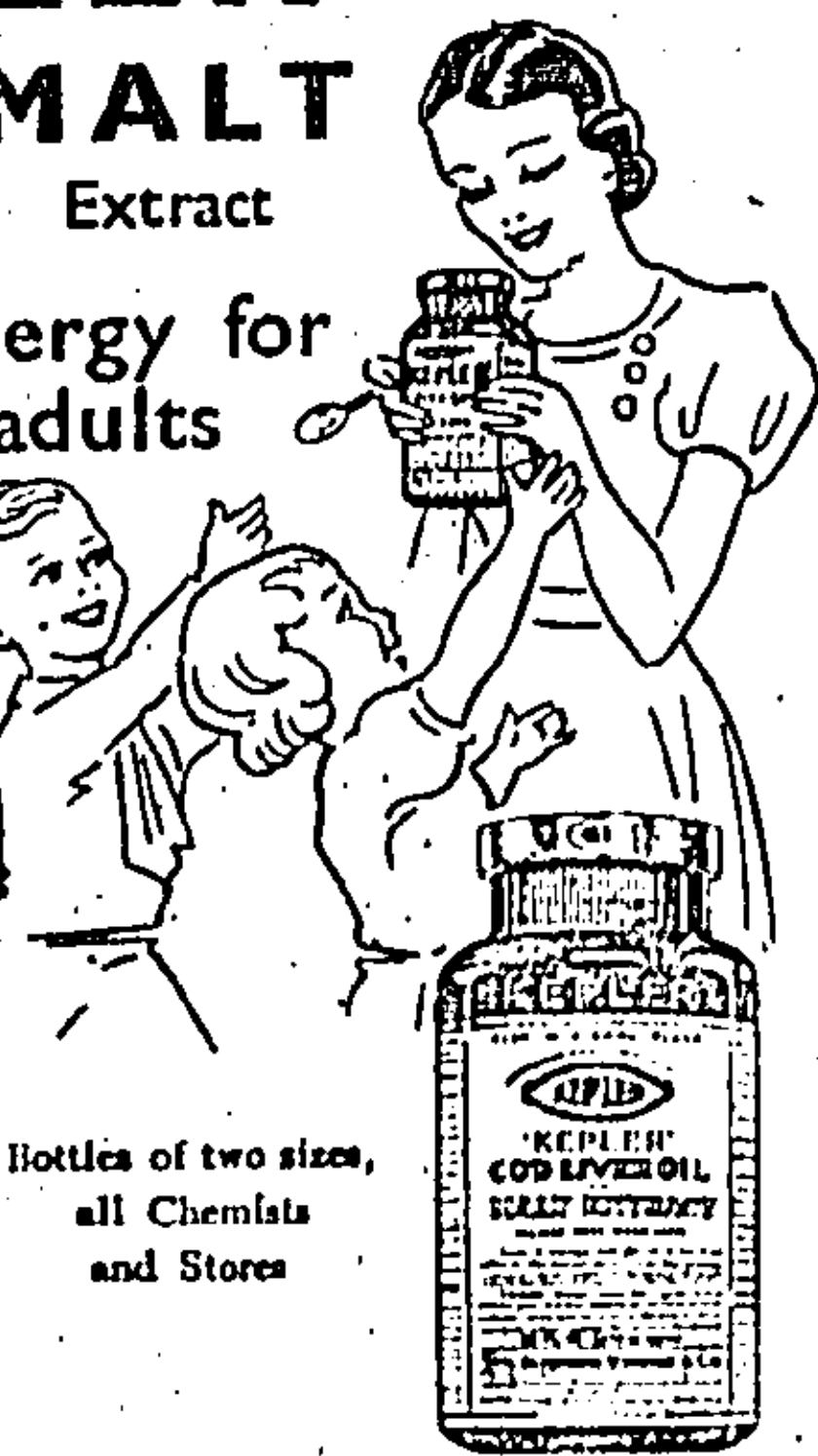
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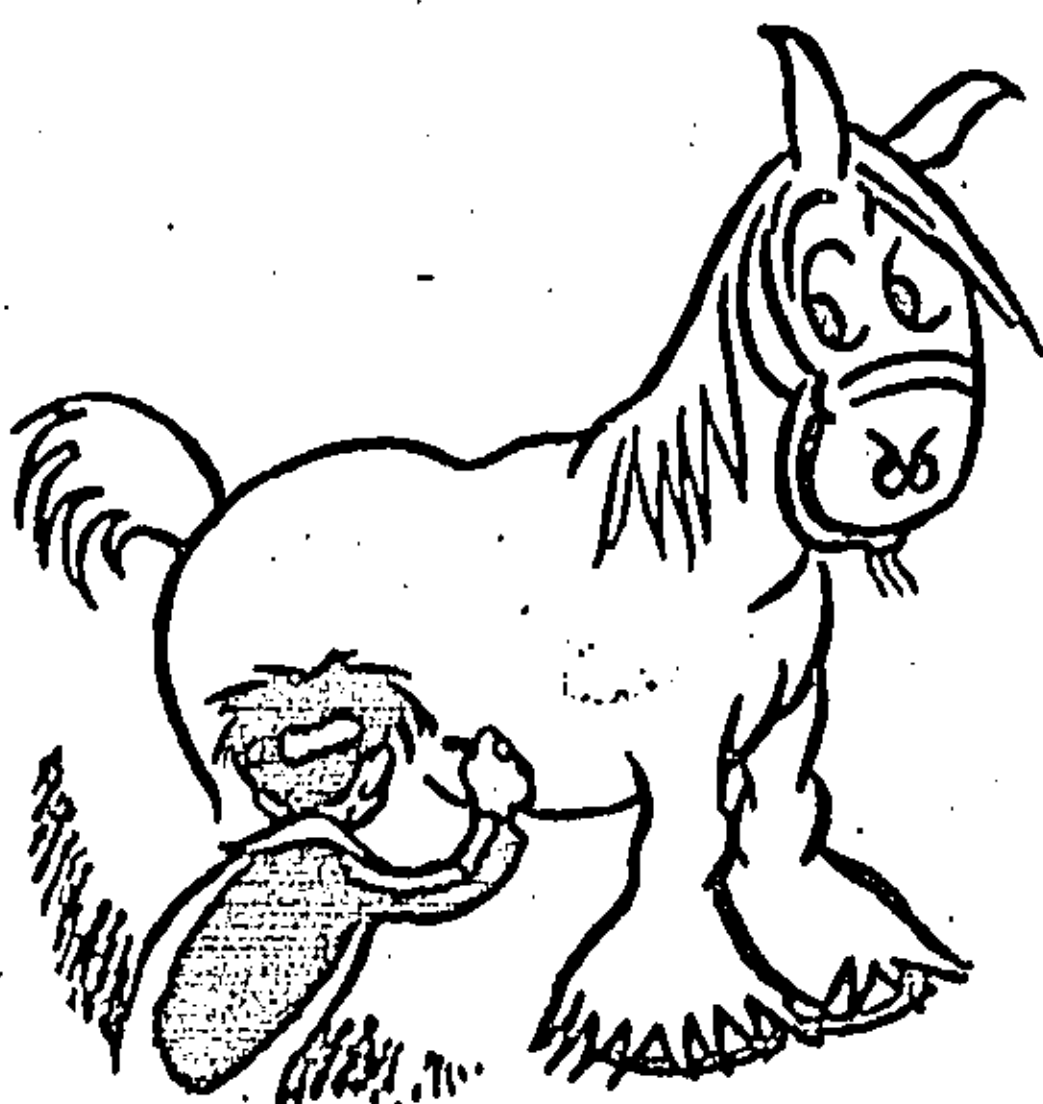


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When A Bedroom Faces North

It is in winter that the disadvantages of a bedroom on the north side of the house are felt most acutely. In the heat waves of summer the north bedroom is deliciously cool, contrasting with the south front, but in dark and chilly days it is quite another story. In winter the bedroom which gets no direct sunshine can be neither happy nor wholesome unless you take special care of it.

The chief necessities of a bedroom has a north aspect are an up-to-date fire place or a radiator, an all-over fitted carpet flush with the skirting, a sunny colour scheme.

The great advantages of a fitted carpet is that it obviates any tendency to draughts caused by inequalities of temperature near the floor, as happens when a carpet square is surrounded with bare boards. The fitted carpet therefore makes the room genuinely warmer.

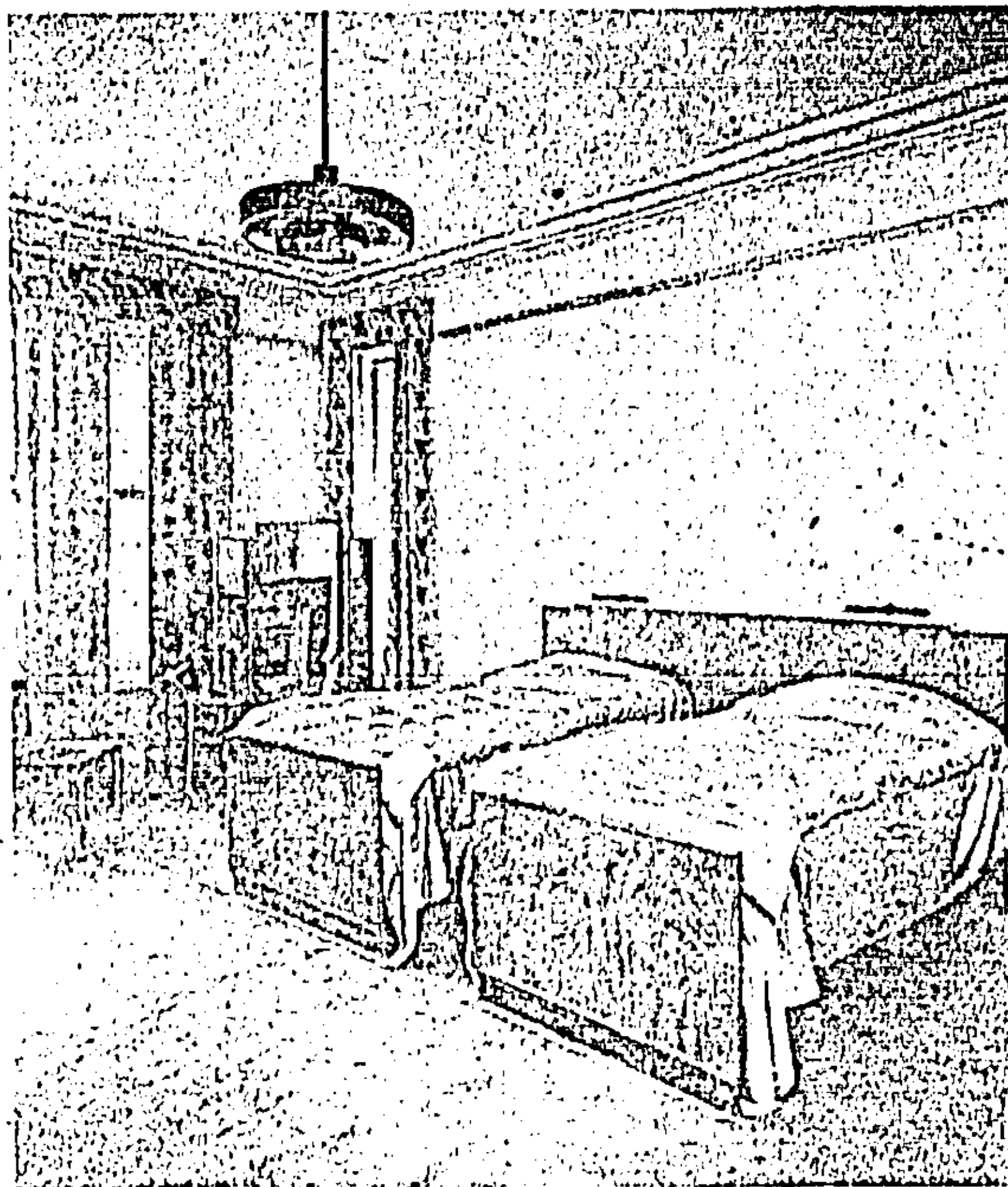
As for the colour scheme, it should be particularly noted that sunshine yellow or primrose, though excellent in an interior with a better aspect, is not strong enough when the windows all face north. You need richer tones of orange, red, copper, and brown to suggest not merely sunshine, but positive warmth.

For example, in the north bedroom illustrated, which has no direct sunshine from one year's end to the next, the colour scheme is as nearly as possible ideal. The walls are a warm though light tone of pinkish cream, with a lighter freeze and ceiling, and the heavy curtain and pelmet, which are in orange, brown, and yellow-cream, almost convince you that the sunshine is streaming through the windows. This illusion is helped by the bed-spreads, which are in bright orange silk, toning splendidly with the warm brown figured walnut furniture.

The carpet is dark copper-brown and is fitted flush with the walls, and the chairs and dressing-table stool are upholstered in very dark brown velvet with a sheen of golden brown. The pendant electric fitting has the lamp concealed behind opaque amber glass, and is enamelled cream on the inside and brown outside.

The general effect is not only warm, cheerful, and comfortable; it creates a convincing illusion of sunshine though the room is really in shade, and thus the disadvantages of a northerly aspect are forgotten and therefore very largely overcome.

Based on But



A bedroom with a northerly aspect in which the colour scheme is a warm brown and orange.

Your Correct Figure

By JACQUELINE HUNT

"IT ISN'T my weight—it's my measurements" or "My weight is normal but my figure is terrible!" These are the complaints in many of the beauty letters that come to my desk. Sometimes it is the bust that is too big or too small for the rest of the body, or the hips, thighs, ankles or waistlines are out of proportion.

When a woman is sure that her weight is right—that is, within five pounds of that given for her age and height in an approved height-weight table, then she may concentrate on simple exercises that will correct her measurements. But many of you ask "what should my measurements be?" Sometimes you are self-conscious about a waistline that is not as slim as you would like, when actually it is in scale with the rest of your figure.

Just for fun, so you'll have some kind of measuring stick for your own figures, I want to give you the average measurements of the famous Rockettes. These little dancers are supposed to have the most perfect figures of any similar group in the country.

Bust 32-33
Waist 24
Hips 34½
Thigh 21
Calf 13
Ankle 8
Head 21½
Neck 12½
Height 5 ft. 4 or 5

Weight 115
A Fifth Avenue beauty stylist who sponsors the hourglass figure doesn't agree with this; she says that if your height is between 5 feet and 5 feet 4 inches, you need a 23-inch waistline; if your height is between 5 feet 4 and 5 feet 6, a 24-inch waistline; and between 5 feet 6 and 5 feet 9, a 25-inch waistline. So choose your own goal and work for it.

For Shapelier Busts

If it's your bust that's too big or too little, try these exercises. They are best for developing small, flabby busts, but they will also firm and reduce if you have too much fat there.

Lie on your back on floor with arms out to side. Raise chest and shoulders, tilting your chin upward and supporting weight on back of head. Relax and lower chest and shoulders.

Short Notes

To soften dates which have become dry, tie them in a clean piece of muslin, steam for five minutes, and allow to cool before using.

When cream is scarce or unobtainable you can make a delicious and inexpensive substitute by adding a few slices of banana to the white of an egg, and beating until stiff. The banana will dissolve completely in the egg whites.

Home Hints

MOST of us are pressed for time in these days, and it is more than ever necessary to save precious seconds.

Knives will brighten in a fraction of the usual time if they are heated before being polished. Dip blade in boiling water and rub before it cools.

In the case of a bottle which is in constant use, fix a cup hook in the cork, which can be extracted without any loss of contents when wanted.

When making bread sauce, the job of grating breadcrumbs will not be necessary. If some boiling milk is poured over a thick crustless slice of bread. Add salt and pepper, beat with a fork for a few seconds, and it is ready for the table.

When dusting in damp weather, heat the duster before beginning, and the job will be completed much more expeditiously.

To prepare a polishing cloth which will give a good sheen to mirrors, brass, chromium or enameled furniture, wring a duster out in a pint of water in which a piece of withering about the size of a walnut has been dissolved. When dry, it is ready for use.

To peel hot beetroot quickly plunge into cold water. The skin will peel off like a glove.

To prevent milk from boiling over place an ordinary pie funnel in the pan. This saves constant watching.



Crossword Puzzle

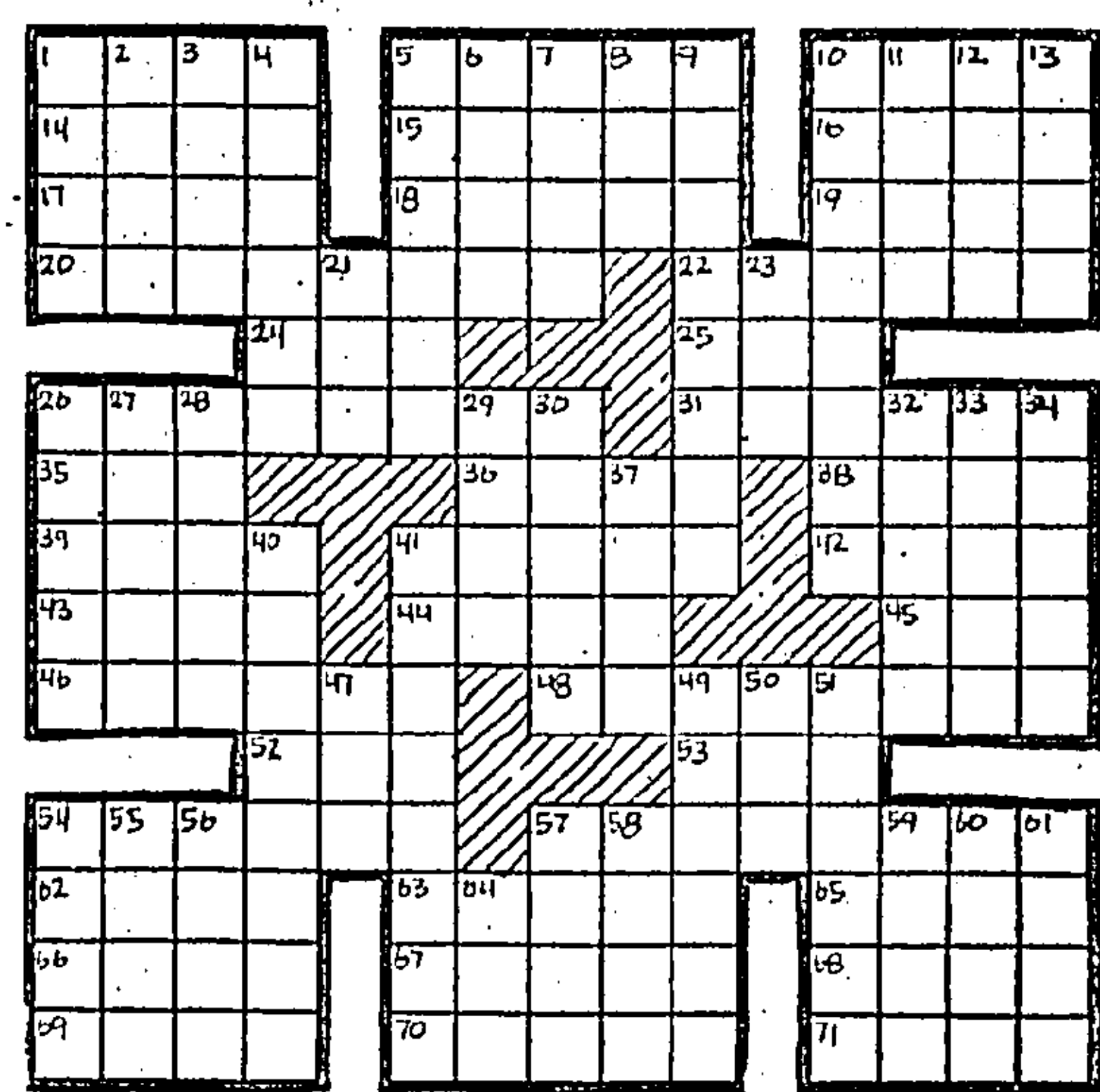
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Trunk of tree
- 2—Small footed mammal of Asia
- 3—Small insect
- 4—Kind of gem
- 5—Musical instrument
- 6—High table-land
- 7—More fashionable
- 8—Standard quantity
- 9—Meat opposite
- 10—Interfere unasked
- 11—Faint
- 12—Kant
- 13—Logically constant
- 14—Pertaining to fasting
- 15—Auditory sense
- 16—Mimic
- 17—English nobleman
- 18—Real with war
- 19—Fresh information on current events
- 20—Cause to move slowly
- 21—Auditory sense
- 22—Unofficial extent
- 23—Diplomatic
- 24—Drunkard
- 25—Act of sedition
- 26—Christa (col.)
- 27—Civil War general
- 28—Tern
- 29—Represents confidence
- 30—Diplomatic
- 31—Primitive nation
- 32—Modestly warm
- 33—Mistake
- 34—Charm
- 35—Aval by artifice
- 36—5,220 feet

DOWN

- 1—Former capital of Belgian Congo
- 2—Unfathomable
- 3—Lying at the end
- 4—Only maid of honor
- 5—Fire completely
- 6—Devoid of moisture
- 7—Maculose
- 8—Regulator
- 9—Electron
- 10—Grant for temporary
- 11—Dye indigo
- 12—Carry tool
- 13—Por
- 14—Artificial waterway
- 15—Musical drama
- 16—Dressed with edged tool
- 17—Require
- 18—Dance
- 19—Important petals
- 20—Mistake
- 21—Bird house
- 22—Water-repelling
- 23—Getting forth on voyage
- 24—Voyage
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- 26—With maiden name
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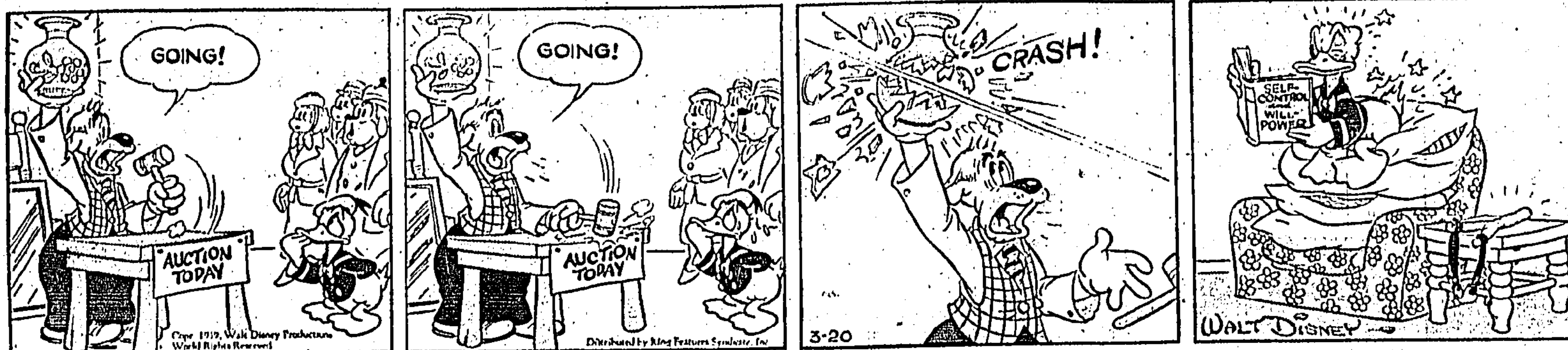
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1.20 Rawicz and Landauer on Two
Pianos.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.

1.45 Songs by Turner Layton at
the Piano—1. Feel Like A Feather
In the Breeze, Alone, and Hurt of
Gold.

1.55 Bob Crosby and His Orchestra-
tra in Dance Music.

2.15 Close Down.
6.00 An Hour of Dance Music.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

7.02 Good Old Songs of the Good
Old Days by The Buff Four (Vocal
Quartet) with Piano, The Gay Nine-
ties Singers with Orchestra, The Old
Timers with Orchestra and The
Minstrel Singers with Piano Band.

7.30 London Relay—The News.
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 Songs by Ina Souez (So-
prano)—Always, I gave you
my all, Love Everlasting, I Want
Your Heart, with Orchestral accom-
paniment.

8.15 London Relay—"I am a Jew"
—A play produced by Howard Rose.
9.15 London Relay—News Sum-
mary.

9.30 Talk on "The Empire at War"
recorded by The Rt. Hon. Malcolm
MacDonald.

9.45 Variety with George Formby,
Elsie and Doris Waters and Others—
The Lancashire Toreador, The Win-
dow Cleaner, George Formby and His
Ukulele with Orchestra, Scenes from
"Our Betters"—Getting A Wife, Get-
ting A Motor, Constance Collier and
Ronald Squire, Darts, With Gert and
Daisy, At the Court of Good Queen
Bess, Elsie and Doris Waters with
Orchestra, Said the Little Brown
Hen, Trailing Around in A Trailer,
George Formby and His Ukulele
with Orchestra; Who'll Buy My
Bubblitchki?, Emery Deutsch and His
Orchestra.

10.15 A Chopin Recital by Arthur
Rubinstein—Nocturne in B Flat
Minor, Op. 9, No. 1; Andante
Spinnato, Op. 22; Polonaise-Fantaisie
No. 7 in A Flat Major, Op. 61.

10.35 Schumann—Symphony No.
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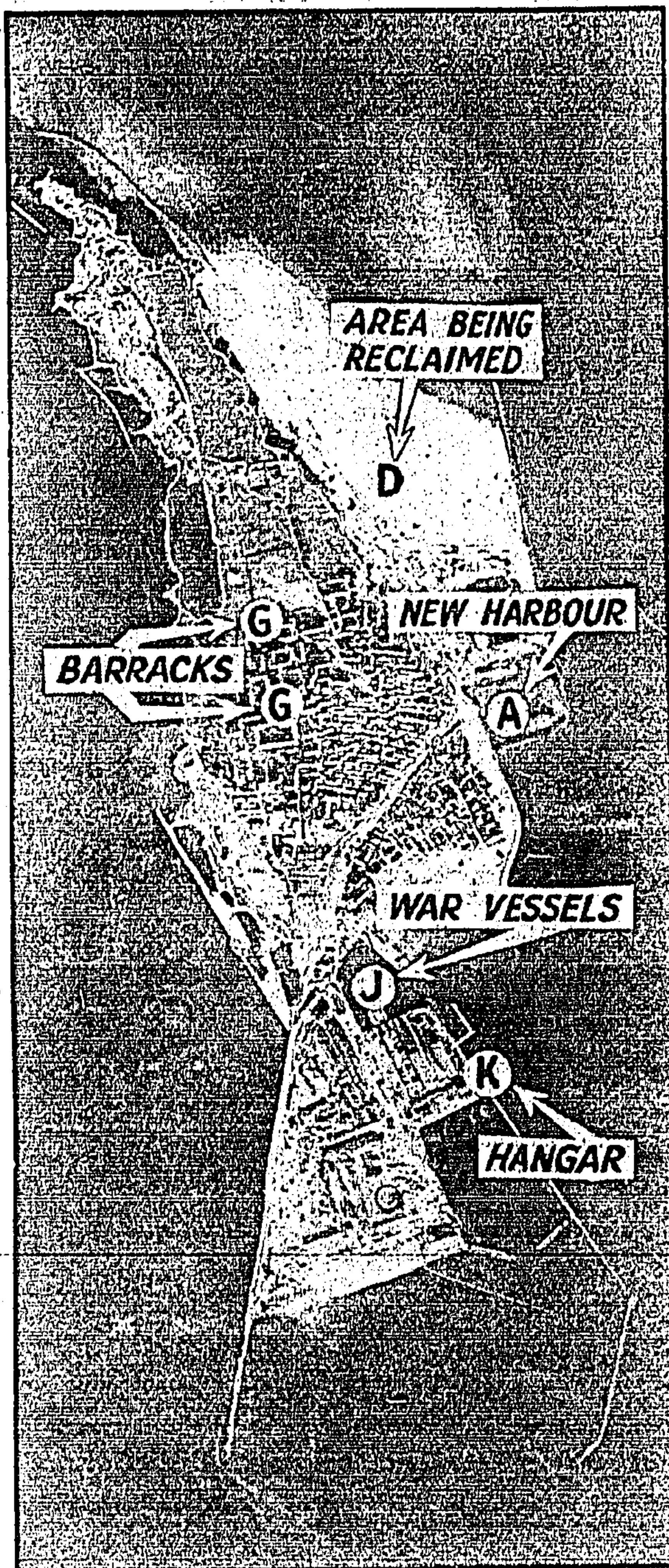
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Garbo steps out—
she's in LOVE

NEW YORK.

SOMETHING has happened to Greta Garbo. She had
a beauty treatment. She came out of a swank new Fifth-
avenue salon with her pale cheeks delicately rouged, her lips
wearing lipstick, which she always eschews except during
the making of a picture.

And she has been going to
night clubs. And she never says
"I tank I go home."

Instead she watches New York's
celebrities—Brenda Frazier, socialite
glamour girl, included—with as much
interest as they watch her.

The reason for this revolutionary
change is that GARBO IS IN LOVE.

Her hero this time is Dr. Gaye-
lord Hauser, Budapest physician, who
has induced even her to take his
carrot-eating prescription to increase
beauty.

It was Dr. Hauser who suggested
that she should go to the beauty
shop. What bravery!

It was Dr. Hauser who took her
to the night clubs.

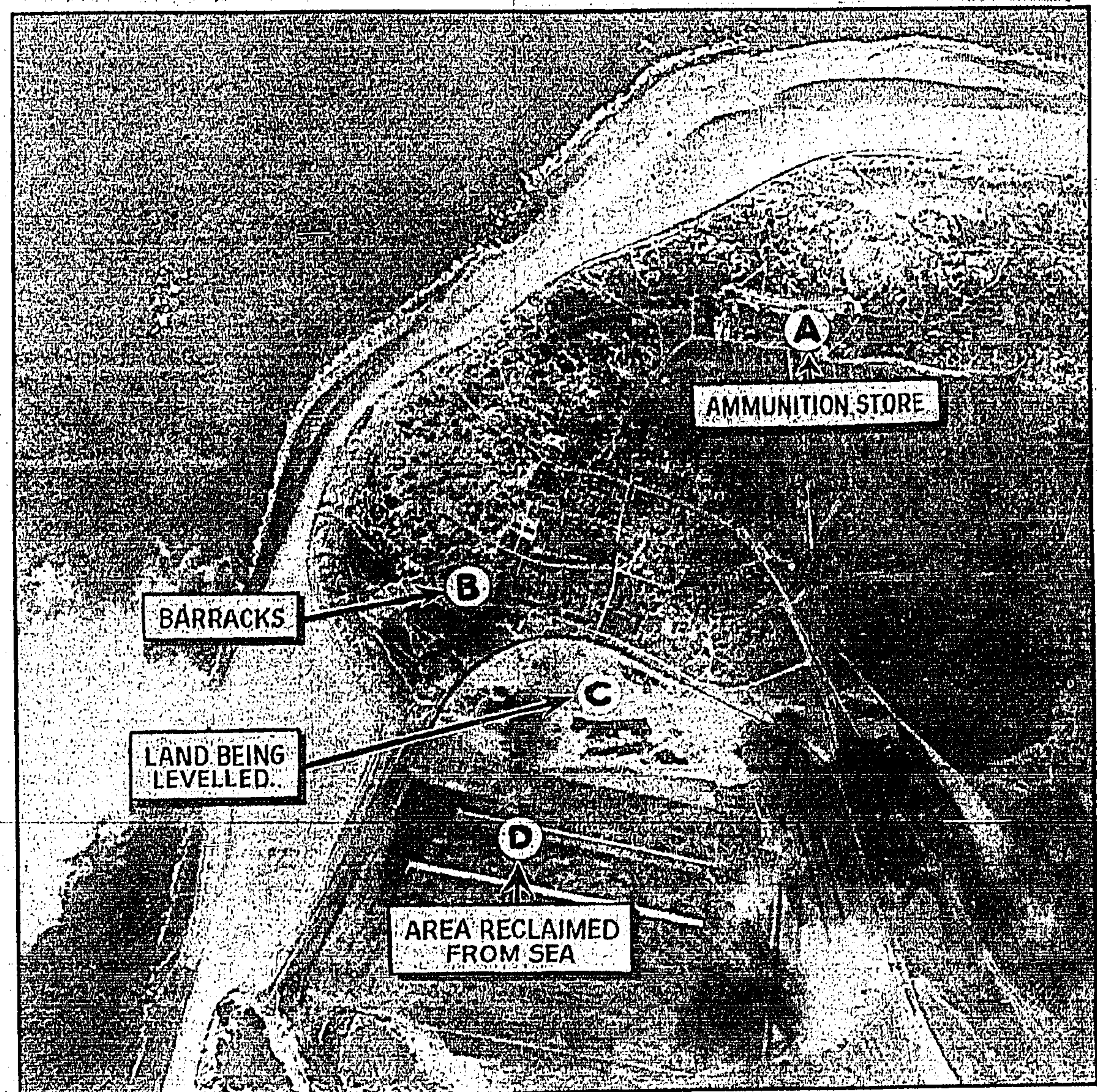
Maybe it will be Dr. Hauser whom
she will marry before she returns
to Hollywood.

"Dr. Hauser, diet dictator of the
Hollywood stars, inventor of "vitality
cocktails" and "potassium broth," has
known Garbo professionally for sev-
eral years. Four years ago he ex-
pressed bitter opinions about her,
said she ate dumplings, had "large
hips, fat calves, thick ankles." She
objected to his order that she must
take parsley juice for breakfast.
And now Garbo has taken to eating
carrots.

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Home Is Burned Out

Duxted Park, Uckfield, Sussex,
home of Mr. Basil Ionides and his
wife, the Hon. Mrs. Ionides, a daugh-
ter of the first Lord Bessborough,
was burned out. Guests helped to save
furniture.

Mrs. Ionides inherited £250,000 of
the £4,000,000 left by her father.

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which show you how the Nazis are rapidly com-
pleting new air-bases as close to Britain as they
can place them.

The island on the left is Heligoland. Note
that great expanse of sand on the right. It was
not there just before the war. It is new land

reclaimed from the sea-bed to make a flying field
for warplanes.

Now look at the other picture. It shows
Langeoog, in the Frisian Islands, the nearest
German territory to Britain. Here, too, a great
area of land has been reclaimed from the sea
and levelled from the sand dunes to make a
war aerodrome.

SCHOOL TIE,
NO SCHOOL

THE only Old School associa-
tion without a school is being
formed in London by sixty-eight-
year-old Mr. Randolph Kilbee-
Stuart, of Charterhouse, Charter-
house-square, E.C.

Few of the members-to-be
are under seventy. They are
Old Dolphins, ex-scholars of
Godolphin Boys' School, which
closed its doors nearly fifty years
ago.

Recently Mr. Kilbee-Stuart
published a request that any
Old Dolphins should get in touch
with him. He said: "To my
astonishment I have already had
thirty-two replies. I had no idea
there were that number left
alive.

"The eldest Old Boy who
writes is eighty. My idea is
that we should have a dinner
together before we all die off."
No, the Old Dolphins will not
have an Old-School Tie.

Salvationists Want
To Join Jazz Turn

SONGSTER-LEADER OLIVER COOKE, of the
Salvation Army, has nursed

a grievance for 50 years.

All the time he has been in the
Army, first as saxophonist in the
band and later as official hymn-
writer, he has objected to the rule
that Salvationists must not attend
public amusements.

"Frankly," he said, sitting in his
Calford home beside the organ on
which many of the thousand hymns
he has composed have been played,
"I have always followed my own
conscience in this matter—which
means that I have always gone to
whatever I wanted to see."

"But for my arthritis, I should have
gone to Birmingham this coming
Thursday to appear on the stage of
the Birmingham Hippodrome and
introduce my song, 'You Can't Ration
Sunshine,' which Henry Hall will
broadcast."

Out of Range
If Mr. Cooke were an active mem-
ber of the Army he would be sus-
pended for doing this, but he retired
two years ago.

SEAMAN'S FRAUD

A Naval Court Martial was held
on board one of H. M. ships in Hong-
kong on April 1 for the trial of
Leading Seaman Norman Ogden on
charges of fraudulent conversion.
Ogden was found guilty and was
sentenced to derating to Able Seaman
and 28 days' detention.

Nazis' Battle
Against Time
German Author's
Prophecy

NEW YORK.

Time will lead Nazi Germany into
a revolution which for bloodiness
will surpass anything the world has
witnessed, even in Russia, says Hein-
rich Hauser, an "Aryan" German
author in a book based on a survey
made of Germany for the American
magazine "Fortune."

The book, "Battle Against Time,"
was written, except for the fore-
word, before the war broke out. In
the post-war foreword the author
says:

"The outcome of this struggle does
not seem to me to be doubtful. I
risk the prophecy that the war will
not last three years, as the Allies be-
lieve, and still less that it will last
eight years, as Hitler has suggested.

"The moral and economic collapse
of the German nation, already
exhausted and undermined by six
years of so-called peace, will doubt-
less come about in much shorter
time."—British United Press.

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Sir William Coxen, Lord Mayor of
London, gave a luncheon at the
Mansion House to mark the collection
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125 Days Of War

WE look back to-day upon 125 days of war. They have given us grim proofs that the Crusade to which the Empire is pledged will be a conflict demanding all its tenacity and energy. But thus far the war, as the Prime Minister has remarked, has been "of a different kind from what we expected." Lightning strokes have been for three-quarters of a century the master principle of German strategy. Having launched its lightning on Poland, Hitlerism showed no capacity to find a swift decision in the West. Experts had anticipated, and Hitler and his lieutenants had threatened, great air attacks on Britain and France. Not one has been attempted. German aircraft have come rarely, sparsely and with results discouraging to their comrades. Our machines have been proved the better, our bombers frequently driving off and sometimes shooting down German fighters, our own fighters winning even greater success than was estimated. It is certain that as the weeks and months go by the Air Forces of the Allies, already able to deal deadly blows, will develop a strength much greater than that of Germany. On land also the course of events has justified the Greek historian's dictum that "least of all things war goes according to fixed principles." After Poland had been overrun, the mechanised columns and swarms of aircraft which effected that brutal rapine were sent across to confront the Maginot Line. They remain confronting it and impotent.

It was not thus that German generals waged war when they had faith in their power to win. We all remember how a successful blow against Russia in the last war was the prelude to mass offensives on the Western Front. During the weeks of Poland's gallant resistance the French completed their great concentration on the frontier and a British Expeditionary Force of 150,000 joined them, its journey overseas unassailed by the German Navy or Air Force. Since then thousands more British troops have crossed the Channel every week. It is now a fortress war on the Western Front—a war of endurance—and such wars, as history has recorded again and again, Britain and her Allies win.

Into the struggle at sea Germany has put her main effort and her most ruthless brutality. There is no optimism in the conclusion that the campaign of submarine and mine has been baffled, and air attack on merchant shipping has not ended the menace that some quarters anticipated. Sea power has given Britain the throttling power of blockade. That has been exerted far more drastically than in 1914. All the essential goods for which Germany has to rely on ocean-borne supplies are now denied her. No bulwark of neutrals, north or south, no further humiliations before Russia, can remedy that. Our blockade is now rapidly destroying Germany's power to export overseas and so draining her dry of foreign credit. But it is clear that we shall have to put forth still greater efforts. Our forces by air and sea and land must be developed, and that requires intensive organization.

- The most significant statement in this article last month was made by Signor Muti, new Secretary of the Fascist Party—"Italy may at any moment find herself under the necessity of taking up arms."
- The famous Signor Gayda, who voices the opinion of authoritative Italy, explains where his country stands to-day.

SIX months have elapsed since the outbreak of the war, and many people are asking, "What does Italy think?"

The thought and attitude of Italy are considered important, in fact, decisive, because she is the greatest European nation who to-day is not participating in the war and because her known policy, openly declared by Mussolini, has not put her definitely outside the war.

Italy, first of all, has found that the new war promises to be very long, uncertain, terribly costly and exhausting. It appears, therefore, to more than one Italian to be a useless war. All forecasts regarding the war have been denied by facts. The explosion of mass implacable and destructive air aggression which was expected has not materialised. Neither party wish to be the first to begin it—to avoid reprisals. The very dreadfulness of air war has, in fact, prevented its outbreak. Both sides have hesitated to start a war of movement and resolute assault in the Napoleonic and even the Prussian tradition.

It is not the presence of the two opposing lines of defence, the Maginot and Siegfried Lines, formidable as they are, which has discouraged this initiative. It is rather a different calculation as to the method of war to be desired.

Allies' Plan

At the end of the 18-day war on Poland, Germany declared that she did not wish to undertake the responsibility of a war in the West, of which she did not feel the necessity.

Great Britain and France, on the other hand, calculate on the necessity of saving men, who are less abundant than money in their countries.

They therefore, intend to conduct the war more on an economic, political, and social basis than on a military basis.

The two democracies, in substance, expect victory by the implacable and static siege of the whole of Germany, who, by internal consumption of resources not compensated by new supplies, would gradually exhaust her powers of resistance without undertaking any great battles.

But it is these very prospects that make the war more than ever uncertain and struive.

THE Western democracies must calculate actually on Germany's capacity to resist for a very long time.

Statistics are not sufficient to explain the phenomena of resistance in war. They have already been found lacking in the fatal war of sanctions against Italy.

In the present case, Germany must be considered as supplied not only with a resolute spirit of resistance, but also with most abundant material means.

During recent years she has accumulated vast stocks of raw materials, iron, copper, rubber, and cotton. Her economic independence, on the other hand, ensures her new possibilities of autonomous productions and supplies.

Plenty Of Cash

Germany has also at her disposal abundant cash reserves, consisting of—

First, considerable gold and appropriated currencies accumulated during the mark crisis, when, profiting by the speculation in almost every country in the world, she changed her own worthless paper for gold and gold-backed money.

tion of supply. Though the negative power of the blockade is now becoming effective, we have only begun positive action. Our blockade needs a strategy of the offensive, the occupation of markets held by Germany, the acquisition of supplies which Germany might obtain.

WHAT ITALY PLANS

By **Signor Gayda**

"The present position (in the Mediterranean) does not coincide with a just European order."



"If Communism should attempt to advance towards zones of vital interest to Europe and Italy, Fascism will know how to reply."

Secondly, by many commercial credits in dollars made by the United States.

Thirdly, by a favourable trade balance over a long spell of years; and,

Fourthly, by the occupation of Austria and Czechoslovakia and the consequent transfer to the Reichsbank of their abundant bank reserves.

In addition, this static and blank method of war allows Germany to save war material and to intensify her production of munitions.

THERE is no doubt that in the long run Germany's powers of resistance may be worn out.

This method of war, however, may eventually also cause serious, even irreparable, damage to the Allies, not only economically and financially but also in regard to their imperial interests. The more scattered and greater these interests, the more vulnerable they are.

In these conditions, the war shows itself, from my Italian point of view, as being both uncertain in its outcome and above all anti-European.

For this latter reason Mussolini tried as hard as he could to prevent the war and later to stop it.

Among their reasons for being so certain of victory, France and Britain brag about the superiority of their economic and financial means and their maritime and political dominion throughout the world.

This is naturally a theme which must be linked with the problem of that "Better Europe" which echoes so frequently in speeches in the belligerent countries.

It is evident that, so long as there exist in the world a few countries so powerful as to give them almost automatically an assured victory before even a war is fought, there cannot be in Europe a healthy balance of power nor, therefore, a real guarantee of peace.

The Versailles system has increased instead of diminished the disparity of resources between European nations, out of proportion to their quality and their human and civil rights.

From the inevitable crisis of this system arose first the European political crisis lasting 20 years and subsequently the new war.

In the new "Better Europe," which is to be one of the bright outcomes of peace, equilibrium must be established.

Another boast of the power of the two democracies frequently echoes through the British and French Press: that England is in a position to close the Mediterranean at her discretion because she has in her hands the control of its entrance and exit.

By what are these newspaper claims prompted?

Do they wish to remind Italy of her position as a potential prisoner in the Mediterranean?

The dissertations of the French and British Press on the possible closing of the Mediterranean, warns us in time that the present position does not coincide with that just European order, which should infer the freedom and parity of positions for all nations.

ITALY'S conception of a better Europe is very simple.

Italy does not seek in Europe or the world any particular privilege for herself. She is against all systems which give obvious or hidden supremacy to one nation or nations.

She has still some vital problems to be settled, problems which were aggravated instead of solved by the Versailles system.

The solution of these problems, according to evident Italian needs, cannot be further delayed. It is now necessary that all the great European Powers understand this clearly.

It is necessary that they shall recognise and accept these particular Italian needs and rights, which are summarised in two phrases: Free and fertile space for expansion of the Italian population, which asks only the right to work and produce in peace on Italian territory; freedom of life and movement of the Italian nation, which is entitled to claim the elimination of every system of foreign control.

But Italy maintains that her needs can find their solution in a more balanced, sane and just Europe than that which came out of the Versailles workshop.

How will this Europe be formed? With what power of war or peace? It is still difficult to foresee.

CERTAINLY ITALY DOES NOT INTEND TO BE ABSENT

FROM ITS FORMATION. TO THIS END ITALY FOLLOWS THE NEW EUROPEAN CONFLICT AND THE COURSE OF EVENTS NOT AS A NEUTRAL POWER BUT MERELY AS A POWER NOT TO-DAY DIRECTLY INTERESTED. BUT READY FOR ANY EVENTUALITY OF PEACE OR WAR.

Italy would like to hope that to reach the new European order the extension of the war would not be necessary.

Her policy hitherto has been to limit the conflict, and, in fact, she has been able to succeed, notwithstanding the threatening clouds which first appeared in the Balkans and the Mediterranean.

But only the course of events and the development of political and military plans of the belligerents will show whether the war can be confined to its present sphere.

SOVIET Russia's advance into Danubian Europe and her pressure on Balkan Europe bring, in the meantime, new problems.

Does a Communist menace, such as many foreign newspapers would like to make out, really exist in South-East Europe?

Italy cannot be indifferent to this contingency. In fact, Italy's interests are permanent and vital, as she borders on Danubian Europe and has to-day become the greatest Balkan Power of Europe.

Italy is not prompted by any aggressive plans against Soviet Russia, and for this her attitude is different from that of other Great Powers.

Italy intends only to prevent the expansion of Communism and its consequent threat to civilisation, order, and sanity in Europe.

Italy's policy in regard to Communism is in substance an integral part of her policy of a sane and civil European order.

Soviet Russia may remain tranquil inside her own borders, and Italy will have no objection.

But if Communism should attempt to advance towards zones of vital interests to Europe and Italy, Fascism will know how to reply.

Nazis New War Plane

Can Attack Any Part Of Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, April 2 (UP).—The German papers to-day for the first time mention a new Messerschmidt bombing plane—the "Jaguar".

The Air Force magazine, "Der Adler," revealed that the plane has two motors developing 3,000 h.p. and carries a crew of four and a number of both heavy and light machine-guns.

"The plane has a flying range great enough to attack any point in Britain," the magazine declared.

The D.N.B. (Official German News Agency) report said the Jaguar has already undergone a successful test in bombing attacks over the North Sea.

Egypt Anxious About Future

Nationalists Ask For Assurances

CAIRO, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—After a two-day meeting of the Wafd (Egyptian Nationalist) Party, Nuhus Pasha, the Party leader, has handed a manifesto to Sir Miles Lampson, the British Ambassador, emphasizing the unanimity with which Egypt has extended the hand of friendship to Britain, and her eagerness to offer all possible help to avoid any possibility of Egypt being stabbed in the back.

At the same time, however, the manifesto asked for tangible proof of British willingness to respect Egypt's interests once the war is successfully concluded.

Berlin Reaction

BERLIN, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Political circles regard Mr. Chamberlain's speech as showing that the Western Powers will "regard the rights of neutrals as non-existent if this suits their aims."

EXTENSION OF THE ALLIED BLOCKADE

→ FROM PAGE ONE

closest collaboration with France both during and after the war.

"Our task is not merely to win the war but also to win peace," he declared, and urged a more vigorous policy in both the diplomatic and economic fields.

Collaboration To Continue

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Labour Opposition, and Sir Percy Harris (who spoke in the absence of Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Liberal Opposition), in the House of Commons to-day associated themselves with the tributes to Sir John Gilmour (Minister of Shipping who died a couple of days ago) and Mr. M. J. Savage (late Prime Minister of New Zealand).

Mr. Attlee said that he was glad to note that Anglo-French collaboration was not to stop at the end of the war. Much of the trouble from which "the sufferer" was "unavoidably" arose from misunderstandings between Britain and France after the victory gained in the last war.

Their task was not merely to win the war. It was to win the peace. Referring to neutrals, Mr. Attlee said that he was quite convinced that overwhelmingly the opinion of all democracies was on the side of the Allies. "They know perfectly well that we are fighting their battle and they know quite well that there will be no more international law if we do not win. We have got to preserve international law above all by defeating the aggressor."

Mr. Attlee wanted to see a rigorous policy carried out both in the economic and diplomatic fields. "We wish to see no extension of the war, but we want to bring it to an end as soon as possible. We can do that by getting all neutral nations to understand that the war concerns them because we are fighting for their lives as well as our own."

French Comment

PARIS, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—"We have always been confident that the Allies will win the war. Now we are confident that they will win the peace."

This was one comment on Mr. Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons in Paris to-day.

The Allies' determination to wage the war in all aspects, coupled with the plain hint to neutrals, is felt to give a clue to the lines that a more active Anglo-French policy will take.

Netherlands Trepidation

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Mr. Chamberlain's speech was read with some trepidation in political circles which still feel that Britain falls fully to appreciate the neutrals' position.

It is declared that giving a guarantee to Britain to limit trade with Germany would be an unequal act and bound to expose Holland to retaliatory action by Germany.

Quiet Stock Exchange

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange, quietly, firm conditions characterised to-day's markets in which gilt-edged securities slowly improved while rayons were further bought by provincial investors.

Gold-mining shares were higher on general buying.

Wall Street was firm.

Chengte Case Dropped

Japanese Apologise For Anti-British Display

PEIPING, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The British Embassy authorities have been instructed not to take further action in connection with the Chengte case.

It is learned that an expression of sympathy over the unfortunate incident was received from the Japanese Embassy authorities by the British Embassy authorities in Peiping.

The Japanese military spokesman states that he sincerely regrets that such an incident should have occurred.

Incident Recalled

(The incident was one in which Mr. D. J. Robey, British Vice-Consul in Peiping, and two members of the United Church of Canada Mission, Dr. E. B. Struthers, of Galt, Ontario, and the Rev. G. K. King, of New Brunswick, were threatened by anti-British demonstrators in Chengte, Honan, last month.)

The party had received a Japanese note to visit Chengte, where Mission property had been burned and pillaged. When they were in Chengte, some 30 anti-British demonstrators forced their way into their room and struck Mr. Robey and the Rev. King, neither of whom, fortunately, was seriously hurt.

The British authorities then lodged a complaint with the Japanese Embassy authorities, from whom the pass had been obtained.)

Terriers In Maginot Line

First War Trophy Is Nazi Gramophone

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The first battalion of Territorials to be in direct contact with the Germans is the Northamptonshire Regiment which is already holding outpost positions in front of the Maginot Line.

The Territorials are amateur civilian soldiers of peace time who now are part of the regular army. They have had their full share of patrol work and although they have had no engagements with the enemy they had penetrated deep into Norman's land.

The First Prize

Their first prize was a German gramophone which is being sent to the Regiment's headquarters in England.

The gramophone was found during a patrol. It was found in a cottage which had been used by the Germans. With it were 22 records and a radio set.

The patrol took the gramophone records but when they went back the next night they found the Germans had been there before them and the radio set had disappeared.

At an extraordinary general meeting held in Wellington Barracks with Lt. Col. R. G. Lamb R.E. in the chair, Captain A. C. Houghton R.E. and S. M. W. Lock R.E. were unanimously elected to fill the vacancies of Chairman and Secretary respectively of the R.E.O.C.A.

The next dance will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday, April 6, from 8.30 p.m. till 1 a.m. The music will be provided by the dance band of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots. (By kind permission of Lt. Col. D. J. McDougall M.C. and Officers.)

In addition to Spot and Novelty prizes, there will be cabaret prizes given by David Kossick, Ernest Perry, Ernie Fowler and Dick Labran.

Admission (the right of which is strictly reserved by the Committee) is Ladies £1.50; Gents \$2. (Members under the rank of Sergeant \$1.50).

Tables can be reserved at the hotel, 34121, Extn. 249.

The dance booked for April 20 is unavoidably postponed to a later date.

RECRUITING FOR THE R.A.S.C.

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The War Office announces that recruiting has opened from to-day for men between 45 and 47 for the Royal Army Service Corps.

Enlistment will be for general services, but the men will probably be employed in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

Only clerks, typists, shorthand writers and motor drivers are required.

Three Ships In Distress

Caught In Heavy Storm Off Norway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERGEN, Apr. 2 (UP).—Three merchant ships are reported to be in distress off the coast of Norway following a heavy snowstorm.

One is a Norwegian ship from Haugesund, another is an unidentified Danish ship loaded with wheat, and the third is of undetermined nationality.

A coastguard cutter has put out from Bergen to assist the vessels.

WHAT RUSSIA HAS GAINED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told a questioner that approximately 41,900 square kilometres of land and lakes have been ceded to Russia by Finland.

LETTERS

Macao Incident

To The Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—We should be greatly obliged, if you would kindly allow us to insert a few lines in the valuable column of your paper with a view to clearing ourselves of the report relating to the incident said to have occurred at the Central Hotel. This report appears in your paper of yesterday's issue.

It is not true at all that some Japanese soldiers refused to pay for their meals, after having partaken of an expensive banquet at our Hotel. To our knowledge, such an incident has never occurred.

As for the incident said to have occurred at a Macao gaming house where armed Japanese soldiers forcibly compelled the croupiers to accept Japanese military notes, enquiries made by us in this connection reveal that none of the gaming houses, including those at the premises of our Hotel, have ever been molested by any Japanese soldier trying to utter Japanese military notes.

Thanking you in anticipation for the publicity service you would certainly render us in the interest of all parties concerned in the above mentioned report.

for The Central Hotel,
C. F. Fu,
for Secretary.

Macao, April 2.

TOURS MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

French Journalist In London

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—M. Frossard, a French journalist who is the Minister of Information, is now visiting Britain. He said yesterday that he was very much impressed by his tour of the Ministry of Information.

His tour included a visit to underground shelters where work can be carried on even while London is being raided by air.

He had a long talk with Sir John Reith, the British Minister of Information.

Sir John later announced that a British official will be sent to Paris to act as a direct contact between the two Ministries.

Both Sir John and M. Frossard will meet at regular intervals in London and Paris.

Important Decisions.
LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Important decisions regarding Allied publicity were reached to-day when Sir John Reith, British Minister of Information, and M. Frossard, French Minister of Information, met in London with members of their staffs.

Practical means of organising the collaboration of the two Ministries were decided upon in every domain.

Sir John announced that an officer was being appointed to co-ordinate the activities of the British Ministry of Information in Paris and to act as a close and constant channel of information between the two Ministries.

This officer will perform similar duties to those done by the representative of the French Ministry of Information who is working in London.

Further meetings will be held alternatively in London and Paris.

Counting Britain's War Workers

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—A census of British workers in armament export industries began yesterday to enable the Government to learn of the allocation of man power for an intensified war drive.

The figures will not be made public since they will indicate the extent of Britain's war effort and may prove of value to the enemy.

Turkey's Loyalty To Pledges

ANKARA, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The main topic of the Press is the report, subsequently formally denied in London, that the Allies have asked Turkey to allow the passage of warships through the Dardanelles.

Responsible quarters emphasise Turkey's loyal adherence to all her pledges, and that she will scrupulously observe the Montreux Convention and allow no belligerent warships to pass the Straits while she is outside the war.

New Chairman Of China Society

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Dr. Forrester W. Yeils, Professor of Chinese Art and Archaeology at London University since 1932, has been elected Chairman of the China Society in succession to Sir Denison Ross.

German White Paper Mocked

American Press Adopts Sarcastic Tone

NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The American press is not very impressed by the German White Paper, which puts the responsibility for the war on the shoulders of the United States Government.

Indeed, the New York "Herald Tribune" makes fun of the White Paper, which says that the cause of war, "believe it or not," seems to be as follows:

Nobody in Germany wanted war or dreamed of it. Hitler sought only peace. He occupied Austria in the name of peace, he invaded Poland only because there was no other way of preserving peace.

Hitlerian Dove Of Peace
While the Allies were satisfied to accept at their face value the truly pacific nature of Hitler's successive steps, the American diplomats put the idea into their heads that the German invasion of Poland and the bombing of Warsaw might be construed as acts of war.

The presumption is, sarcastically continues the "Herald Tribune," that had it not been for the Americans the Allies would have had nothing to do with it.

They would have accepted the German war on Poland as only "a flight of the Hitlerian dove of peace."

New Reason For White Paper

BERLIN, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The Nazis have now thought of a new reason for the issuing of the White Paper. It was intended to persuade the Russians that they are on the right side of the fence.

These documents, says the "Berliner Borsen Zeitung" will give the men of the Kremlin an opportunity to see the machinations of their opponents and the correctness of their decision in making a non-aggression pact with Germany.

Crude Authorship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (UP).—The "New York Daily News" published photostatic excerpts from the White Paper which were radioed from Berlin.

Two different translators agreed that the book is "written in such poor Polish that no statesman could have been guilty of its authorship."

No Examination

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (UP).—Senator Robert Reynolds formally introduced a resolution seeking an examination by the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee of the reports made by Mr. Sumner Welles and Ambassador William Bullitt, but his demands got a cold reception in both Houses.

Senator Tom Connally cautioned Senator Reynolds, saying "I am willing to rely on Mr. Hull and President Roosevelt to handle this delicate situation."

Senator Alben Barkley said: "I do not think we should give more credence to the White Paper than to Mr. Hull and our diplomats."

U.S. Embargo To Stand

Russia's Overtures Believed Rejected

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—During an hour's conference with Mr. Cordell Hull it is believed that the Soviet Ambassador, M. Oumansky, tried to shake his determination to retain "a moral embargo" against the shipments of aircraft and aircraft material to Russia.

The meeting was requested by M. Oumansky.

It is not confirmed that they discussed the embargo, but Mr. Cordell Hull afterwards stated that the embargo was still effective against any country in the world that incurred its penalties.

Asked specifically whether the cessation of the Russo-Finnish hostilities meant a cessation of the embargo, Mr. Cordell Hull said that there was nothing new to be said on the subject.

An official interpreted this statement as meaning that the embargo is still in force.

JOHORE'S NEW WAR TAXES

SINGAPORE, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The State Council of Johore, one of the Unfederated Malay States, is increasing its existing taxes and has brought in new ones to provide for an annual contribution of £200,000 for the Imperial Exchequer.

Newfoundlanders Join The Navy

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Another 175 Newfoundland fishermen have arrived in England to join the British Navy.

This is the fifth contingent to reach England. The others went to naval centres for training before being allotted to various duties in the Navy.

More Graf Spee Internees

BUENOS AIRES, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Fifty more German sailors from the Graf Spee left Buenos Aires to-day for internment in the interior of Argentina.

How U-Boat Was Sunk

Effectiveness Of The "Asdic" Detector

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—In connection with the scuttling of the German freighter Mimi Horn, naval eyewitnesses reveal how a German submarine was sunk when it ventured too near a convoy on January 30.

The U-boat had successfully torpedoed a neutral steamer (believed to have been the Greek ship Karamia) which is the only neutral ship to have been sunk while being convoyed. An escort vessel located the U-boat by means of the "Asdic" apparatus designed for submarine detection, and sank the German vessel with depth charges.

All but one of the German crew were saved.

Women And Children To Be Mobilised

Italy's New Decree

ROME, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—A Cabinet meeting under the presidency of Signor Mussolini has decided to revise the laws concerning the organisation and mobilisation of the nation in time of war so as to make public administrations, citizens exempt from military obligations, and women and children over 13 liable to mobilisation.

It has also decided that all iron gates except those of churches, gates having artistic or historic value and those belonging to the Holy See, diplomatic representatives and foreigners be demolished.

The material thus collected will be bought by the State at a price to be fixed by the Ministry of Corporations.

Soldiers Cast Their Vote

No Changes Caused In Canadian Elections

OTTAWA, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The votes of Canada's soldiers, sailors and airmen to-day were added to the civilian votes in the general election without, however, causing a single turnover throughout the country.

The active service vote favoured Opposition National Government candidates, but took nothing from the sweeping triumph scored by the Liberals.

The total Services' vote was found to be 56,042 of the 90,000 or so who were eligible to vote.

Supporters of National Government candidates polled just 50 per cent. of the total cast and Liberals 41 per cent., the bulk of the remainder going to Co-operative Commonwealth Federation candidates.

Wreck Of German Freighter Found

COFENHAGEN, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has issued a communique stating that the wreck of the Edmund Hugo Simmes, the German freighter which was sunk by a British submarine, is lying one and a half sea miles off the Danish coast, that is, within Danish territorial waters.

The communique adds that the Danish Minister in London has been instructed to make representations to the British Government.

NAZIS ATTACK CONVOYS

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that enemy aircraft attacked our convoys in the North Sea this afternoon but were driven off by gun-fire.

At least ten bombs were dropped, but no hits were obtained and no damage was done.

The convoys are proceeding on their voyages.

Achilles Heroes Cheered

WELLINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Four hundred officers and men of H.M.S. Achilles, the New Zealand cruiser of Graf Spee battle fame, took part in a triumphal march through the streets of Wellington to-day.

Large crowds turned out to welcome them and Mr. Peter Fraser, the new Prime Minister, made a speech of welcome.

French Chamber Adjourns

PARIS, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—M. Paul Reynaud made only a brief appearance during the Chamber Debate and did not speak.

The Chamber adjourned until April 4. This means that the Government will face the Senate first in Secret Session on the conduct of the war on Tuesday.

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

SELECTING SIDE TO PLAY THE CHAMPIONS

Close Sunday Game Between Kowloon C.C. And Civil Servants

THE END OF THE PRESENT season look as though it is going to be literally a wash out. The Army, last Saturday, still hoped at 11.30 a.m., as they play on matting, but the heavens opened just before one o'clock and that was that. Sunday was a delightful day. We were very thankful for it, but a few delightful Saturdays would not come amiss. Let us hope for a couple of decent ones to wind up with.

At present I have no information whether the League matches outstanding will be played or abandoned. But there is a game mooted which I should much like to see played and that is between the League winners and the rest of the League.

Incidentally, this shuts out the Hongkong Club players, if one interprets it strictly. Doing this, a team from the League teams could be made quite a good one. It has been the custom in the past, if my memory serves me, to select a side representing all the other Clubs without keeping the idea of selections the strongest side possible.

Working on these old lines Craigower, Reccelo, L.L.C., Civil Service, Army, and the University should have at least one representative, and speaking somewhat at random I should imagine most people would pick Eric and P. R. Zimmerman (no room for Billmorla if A. R. Minu is in), E. L. Gosano and Ozorio, A. R. Minu and A. H. Madar, Richardson and McLeellan, (or Perry) Major Grose and Sgt. Denyer, and Gerg. Or it may be thought that such a selection contains too many bowlers at the expense of the batting in which case one might put in Gerry Gosano for Ozorio and Skipwith for Denyer.

Suppose, however, one attempted to select a stronger team, without applying the representation clause. One of the most curious things in the position would be that the Civil Service—the team with practically the worst record in the League would have three strong candidates, and I should imagine that any team able to play possibly four, as Fortescue is probably a better wicket-keeper than Denyer, than either Eric or Archie Zimmerman.

W. G. S. METHOD
BUT let us start with W. G. Grace's method of picking a team. First

two good opening bowlers. I should prefer E. L. Gosano and A. R. Minu. They contrast well, and even if Minu has not bowled quite up to his form this season he is still the best slow medium left hand we have.

Now two change bowlers. I would pick McLeellan and Ozorio. Again a slight contrast between them, and not too like the opening pair. Then a wicket-keeper. Grose, of course, has the place. He is the second best in the Colony, and would of course skipper the side. Then a couple of good batsmen. Richardson definitely should count as one of these. On last season's form A. H. Madar would have been a certainty though he has seldom come off this year. I should incline to give the place to Perry as his bowling is probably more useful than that of Madar.

It seems a bit queer that there is no other outstanding batsman quibbling alone, but for the life of me I cannot think of one. Eric Zimmerman is too doubtful a starter. Skipwith has played some big innings, but in two I saw he was definitely lucky not to be out early on, and he has had several failures. Incidentally I have regarded Fay as a Club player though he would be qualified to play in a similar game in the Junior Division.

FOUR VACANCIES
So far I have arrived at seven names, and there are any amount of players who could fill the vacancies. Personally I should pick A. H. Madar and G. N. Gosano. Nazario has lost much of his old form while C. Souza has had a disappointing season. For the last two places I should select Denyer and F. R. Zimmerman. The former is an excellent field, a fair change bowler, and a hurricane-batter who might completely alter the state of a game in half an hour. The latter is a useful all round player. But there are at least half a dozen players who might quite well be included in the side.

COLONY BADMINTON

DOUBLES SEMI-FINAL

ORIGIN AND GROWTH OF SOCCER

Army Chaplain Lectures To Referees' Assn.

A LECTURE on the origin and growth of soccer was given by Rev. S. Hinchcliffe, Army Chaplain, at the monthly meeting of the Referees' Association last night.

Mr. Hinchcliffe said the earliest stage of football was more or less a street affair in which players took a kick at the ball or the opponents whenever the opportunity arose. Early opposition to the game came when the Army maintained that it interfered with archery. It was also suggested that it should not be played on Sundays.

The game was systematised in the 18th century when it was played on a ground measuring 100 yards by 50 with goal-posts three feet apart. The first side to send the ball through the posts was the winner.

LEAGUE INTRODUCED
IN 1869 the English Football Association came into being. In 1863 touch lines were put in and the use of the goal-posts replaced the original cloth tape. It was not until 1902 that the field was marked as at present. The English League was introduced in 1889. Lack of spirit in the game was probably why it was introduced.

Mr. Hinchcliffe said he was proud that the Church was more or less responsible for the organisation of some of the well known teams now playing in the league, most having arisen from Christian organisations. As a result of a meeting held by Army officials in 1888 it was decided to organise an Army League but in 1902 the Army board affiliated with the present English Football Association.

At the conclusion of the lecture it was proposed that referees should be levied a small sum from their fees towards the building fund. It was suggested that 50 cents a month would meet all requirements.

THIRLLING RALLY
SERVICE changed hands at this point and it shelled the beginning of a rally that had the spectators on the edge of their seats. Slowly, with excellently placed drop shots and cross-court smashes, Eardley and Smith rose up to 12-14, at which point service changed hands for the last time.

Smith, during this rally, did the work of two. He was all over the court, bringing off the most remarkable recovery shots, instituting at the same time winners, either short or down the side lines. It was a big disappointment to him that he should have lost the point that gave the Chinese the match. He returned one just outside the sideline.

Au and Wong will now meet the winners of the E. L. Yong and H. F. Chew v. M. A. Silva and M. A. Oliveira match at the Kowloon Cricket Club to-night.

University Win Mixed Doubles Match
In the mixed doubles of the Badminton League, University beat Reccelo 13-8 last night.

Enjoyable Game
It was a very enjoyable game but the Civil Service should have done better. They were, save for the absence of Fortescue and Barrow, at full strength. K.C.C. had Teddy Fincher away. His left thumb has not yet recovered from the terrific crack he got in the Reccelo match, and I gather some of the ligaments are torn. It is fortunate it is not his right hand in these tennis days.

Which reminds me that the tennis stand now obstructs the Supreme Court deep field on the Club Ground. But this always happens when "the bounds of tennis are on cricket's traces", if I may paraphrase the late Mr. Swinburn.

Wong And Au Defeat Eardley and Smith

(By "Tinker")

IT WAS NOT UNEXPECTED that Patrick Wong and C. Au should defeat H. Eardley and N. L. Smith in their semi-final match in the Colony Open badminton doubles championship at the Club de Recreio last night, and they did so by 15-6, 6-15, 15-12.

It was an amazing game of fluctuating form. The Chinese pair in the first game were right on top, but relapsed in the second to allow the St. John's pair to take the ascendancy. The Chinese pair came into prominence again in the final game and jumped into a 14-5 lead, when they relapsed again and Eardley and Smith took seven points in a row to climb up to 12-14.

Following their exhibition in the second game, the odds were apparently in Eardley's and Smith's favour for winning the match, for their recovery after the first game was wonderful. Smith never dropped below the steady stage, and was, at times, brilliant—moving around the court with extraordinary speed, recovering shots which his partner had little chance of reaching. The superior combination and strokes of the Chinese pair, however, carried them through. Their prowess was best exemplified in the first game when they led 5-2, 9-3, 12-5, 14-6. Wong was much to the fore with smashes and drop shots from the baseline. Au's work was excellent, and together they had the St. John's pair continually on the move.

A RECOVERY
WHILE the Chinese Y.M.C.A. pair relapsed in the second game, Eardley and Smith gained some semblance of form and combination. Eardley was very active in the forecourt, and won many points with his hard smash. Smith provided an extremely effective cover from the baseline, and they led 3-0, 4-2, 6-2, 8-2, 14-4. Eardley and Smith had recovered, but when optimistic supporters of the St. John's pair had overlooked was that it was a recovery co-inciding with a falling-off of the Chinese pair.

It was not, therefore, very surprising when in the third game the Chinese pair regained touch. But again, co-incidentally, Eardley and Smith, particularly the former, were guilty of many errors. They led 3-0, but the Chinese drew up to 4-11 and then led 7-4, 11-4, 14-5.

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P. F. Bun and Miss U. Khoo beat C. Pereira and Miss M. Xavier 21-2; beat H. Goncalves and Miss S. Remedios 21-4; beat N. Beltrao and Mrs. E. Souza 21-5.

H. F. Chew and Miss E. Khoo beat Pereira and Miss Xavier 21-18; lost to Goncalves and Miss Remedios 10-21; beat Beltrao and Miss Souza 21-11.

L. Y. Yong and Miss K. J. Hung beat Pereira and Miss Xavier 21-14; beat Goncalves and Miss Remedios 21-15; beat Beltrao and Miss Souza 21-1.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey Teams
The following will represent the XI of the Y.M.C.A. hockey team to-morrow on the ground at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow:—Donwell, Jordan and Fourie; Smith, McLeellan, Waldron, Hinchcliffe, Gemell, Pennington, College and Wells.

SATURDAY'S TEAMS
Against the Khalsa Association on the ground at 4.15 p.m. on Saturday, the

Around The Courses

OPEN TITLE SHOULD PAY FOR 10 YEARS

Kowloon Club Champion Gone From Hongkong

(By "Birdie")

GOLF CHAMPIONS should have no fear of the days when they have been dethroned—if the opinion of Ralph Guldahl, 1937 and 1938 Open Champion of the United States, is of any value. To him, a National Championship is worth about \$25,000 a year for five or six years, "and a smart champion should cash in on his prestige for the next ten or fifteen years, provided he keeps himself in the limelight."

Guldahl is managing this alright. His name still frequently figures in the top ones of big tournaments, but it is not the money collected from these tournaments that adds up to \$25,000—exhibitions, endorsements and salaries from manufacturers do that.

In 1933, Guldahl finished second in the Open to Johnny Goodman, the amateur, missing a four-foot putt on the final green that would have given him a tie. He was runner-up. For a while his name was remembered and then forgotten. In 1934 he was last among the first nine, and during the following year when he was offered a job as motorcar salesman he almost threw in his hand and accepted. He disliked having to admit defeat, however, and the automobile agency financed him for what he termed his "desperation tournament tour."

It was a success. In 1936 he captured the Western Open Championship, and the Radix Cup for the year's lowest scoring professional. His average for this latter trophy was a record of 71.65 strokes for 94 rounds. In 1937 and 1938 he won both the National and Western Open Championships. It was not by this, however, that he started what he called "cashing in." His average earnings from prize money for the past four years has been something around \$9,000, and this, he states, only balances his travelling and other expenses.

On a tour through nine states, he gave 45 exhibitions in 50 days. He lectured for forty-five minutes before each exhibition—answering questions from the average golfer—and made careful note of all that was said. From this material came a book.

All this spent dollars.

AND, perhaps, so it should. Bobby Jones, the "grand slam" champion of 1930, when he took the British and American Open and

CUNNINGHAM TO HANG UP HIS SPIKES
He Hoped To Run In His Third Olympiad

NEW YORK, Mar. 14. (Reuter).—The lightning feet of Glenn Cunningham, America's most famous miler, will plough the cinder tracks no more in competition when 1940 is out.

Confirming earlier reports that he would hang up his spikes at the end of this year, Glenn declared in a broadcast that he would definitely retire from active competition after 1940.

"For a long time now I've postponed my retirement from active competition, but it's one of those things that can't be put off forever. This will be my last year," he said. "I've continued in competition these past two years mainly with the hope of trying, for my third successive Olympic team. Now conditions on the other side have made the holding of the Olympic Games impossible. So why go on?" he said.

Dutch Girl Swimmer Turns Film Star

WILLY DEN OUDEN, the 23-year-old blonde Dutch girl swimmer, who at one time held nine world records, has signed a contract with a French film company, says "Press Association" from Paris. She has arrived in Paris, and will begin film work immediately.

Amateur championships, made a recent comparison of the old game and the new, and stated that competition these days is decidedly tougher. Courses, he says, are getting easier, and putting better. "In the old days if you had a good third round you could count on picking up a lot of strokes. Nearly everybody blew up. Now you have to shoot the works every round."

Let no one think this grand player is finished. He plays regularly at the East Lake Course, Atlanta, and only just over a month ago returned to 63 to tie his own record for the 72-par course.

Golf lost one of its greatest men when Jones retired, but he isn't regretful. He says he got enough out into the 15-years he was in competition.

AND while talking of losses, the Kowloon Golf Club have lost their champion, A. E. Davies, who has been recalled home. He was a Chief Physical Training Instructor at the Royal Naval Dockyard, and I think, he has returned to Portsmouth—where is his native course.

He has left behind in the Kowloon G.C. a fine record for emulation. His last big victory was over J. T. Smith during the Happy Valley-Kowloon match on Good Friday. The match, however, was played on the Kowloon Course, and that, no doubt, had a great influence on their respective form.

THE semi-final matches of the Mixed Foursomes at the Country Club, Sheungshui, were played off over the last week-end. Once more Mrs. A. J. Kew and her sister, Miss L. G. Ablong, the finalists of the women's championship—were in opposition, and Miss Ablong and her partner, C. H. Suen, surprised all when they won on the 19th. T. Y. C. Lee, Mrs. Kew's partner, only recently came to Hongkong from Shanghai, where he was possessed of a handicap of 9. One has only to see him play an iron to believe that.

By a far bigger margin, Miss E. Heang and G. Lee beat Miss Sequela and Dr. P. K. C. Tyan in the other semi-final. The losers conceded eleven strokes, and lost by 5 and 3.

With the final of this competition next Sunday, the tournament season of the Country Club comes to an end.

SPORT ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 6th April, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be permitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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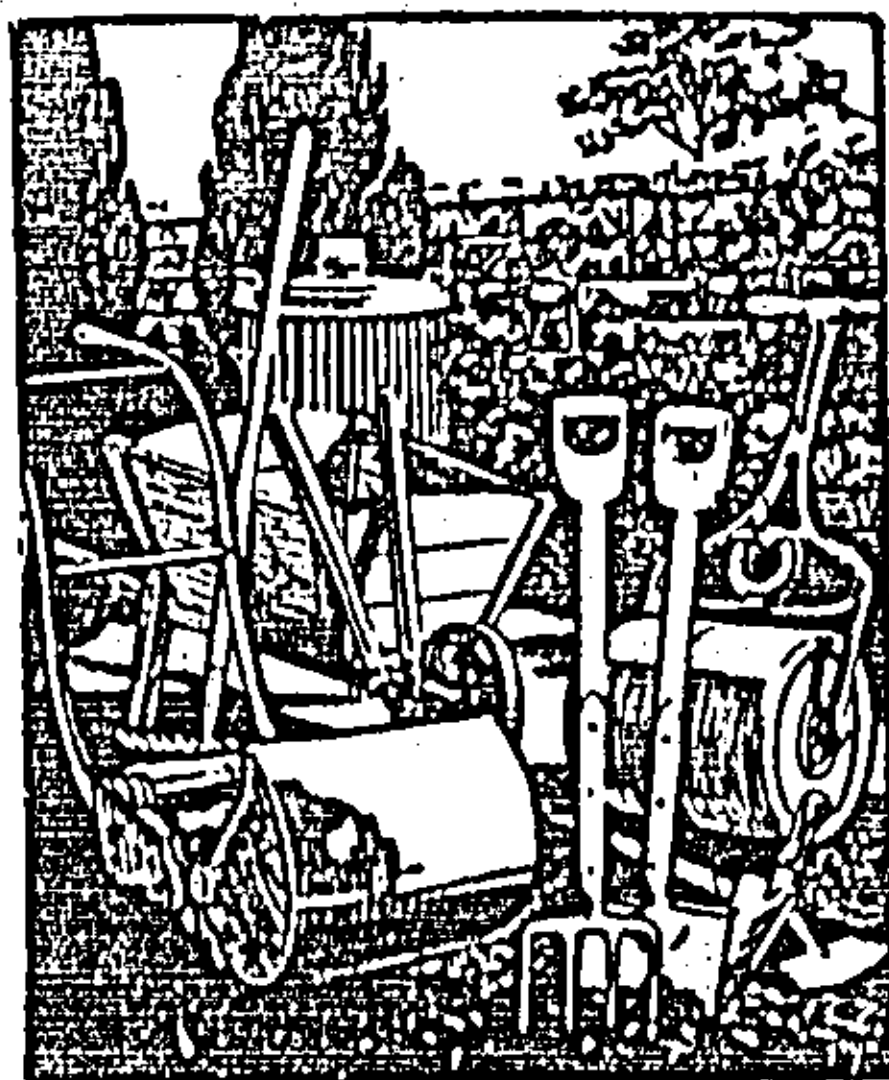
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By Order, O. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1940.

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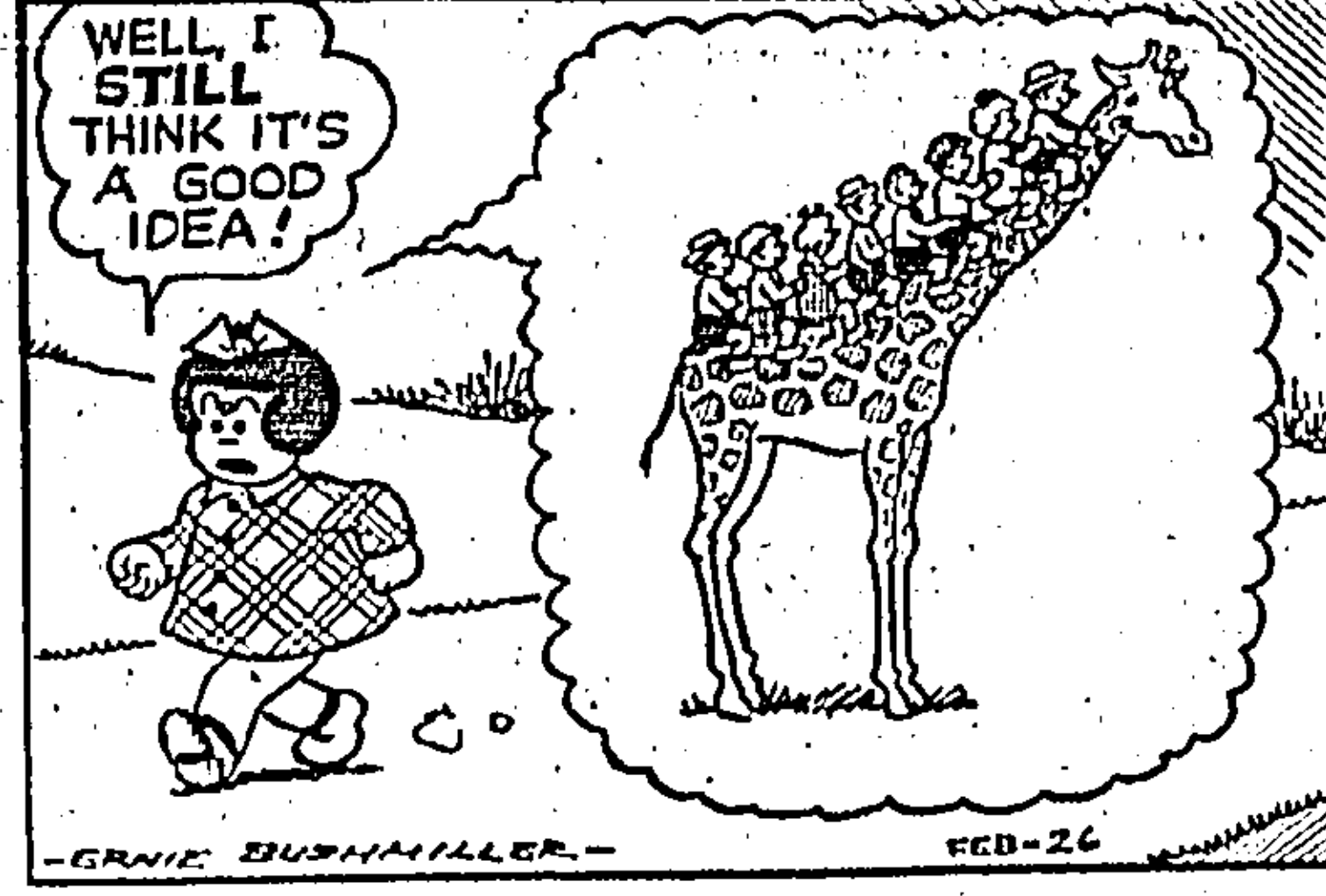
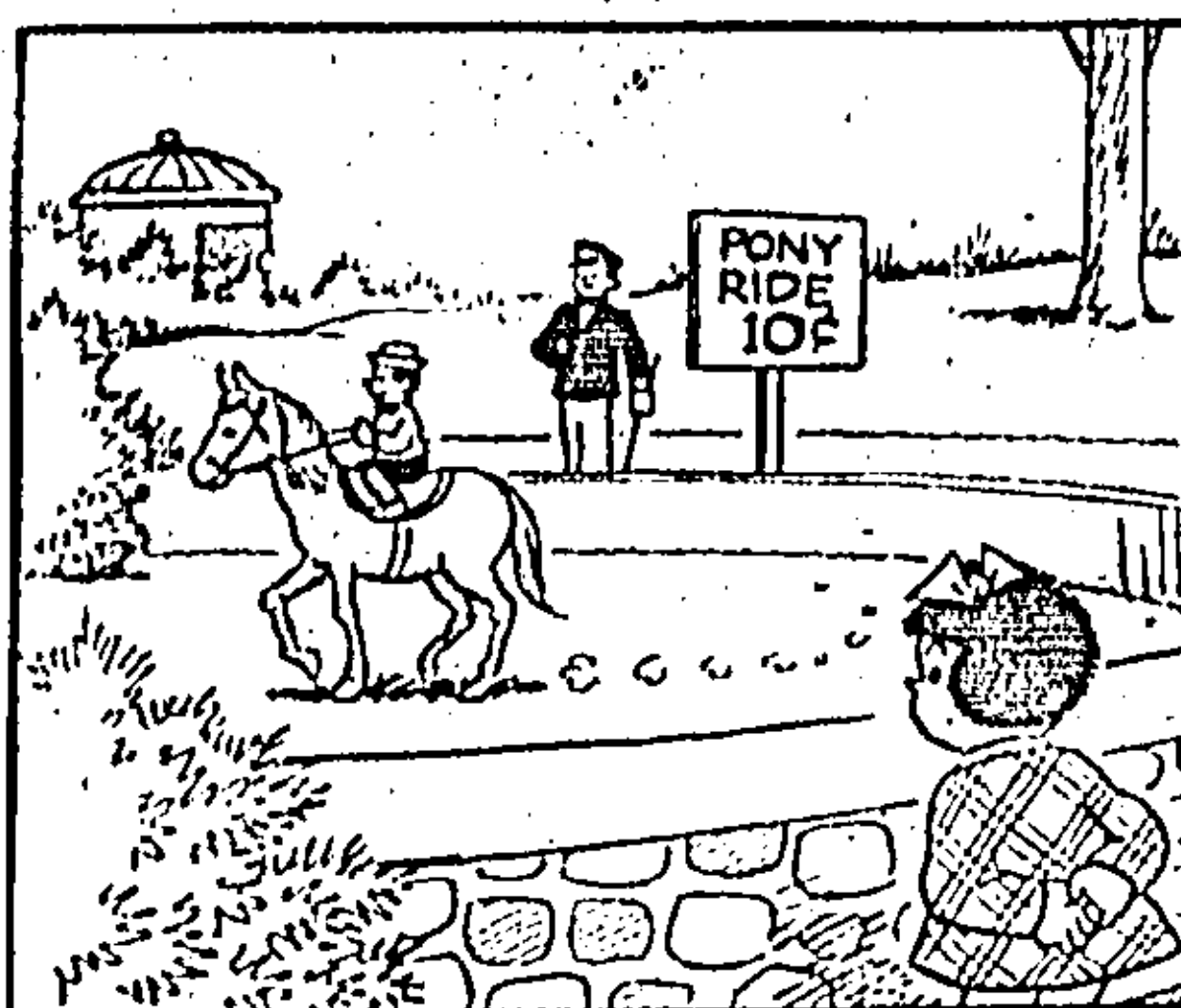
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

You've all seen the famous Judge Hardy Series of films. The "Telegraph" has arranged with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer to obtain the serial rights of the next story in this popular series. It begins to-day—

ANDY HARDY GETS SPRING FEVER

ADAPTED FROM THE Metro Goldwyn-Mayer PICTURE

by BEATRICE FABER

COURT had been dismissed for the day and Judge Hardy was back at his desk in chambers, finishing off the day's mail.

That is, he should have been finishing it, but a dreamy lethargy had come over him, stying his hand and slowing his mind.

His eyes were soft, his lips faintly smiling as his gaze followed a purple and yellow butterfly. Then he breathed deeply, for the perfumed scent of lilacs was in the air. Ah Spring, it was here again. Young men were being arrested for kissing their young ladies in parked cars, the taxes were due on the aqueduct land and the sky was the blue of a baby's eyes. Yes, Spring had definitely arrived.

He started, as the clerk announced two callers.

One of them, a prosperous, substantial-looking man of about forty-five, strode forward and offered his hand. "Good afternoon, Judge," my name's Willis and this is Mr. Hansen."

The Judge nodded, waved them to chairs and listened attentively as Willis talked. He himself, Willis explained, was a business man from the northern part of the state. Now here was the point of this visit. Mr. Hansen was a chemist, and last week he had stumbled on something truly remarkable, something that would interest the Judge. "It was understood of course that the Judge would deal with them fairly after they told him of the discovery."

Judge Hardy nodded stiffly. "My integrity is fairly well established in Carvel."

Willis nodded. "We know that. But Judge, do you know that one of the most important factors in life to-day is the metal aluminum?"

"No," the Judge said, startled. He had always thought of the important factors in life as being decency and honesty and kindness. "Is it?"

Willis came forward. "Yes. And aluminum comes from the mineral bauxite." He took a small vial from his pocket. "This bottle of soil contains eight percent aluminum bauxite. And," he added significantly, "it comes from a piece of property north of Carvel. You own it."

This raised the Judge from his chair. "What? From my aqueduct land?"

"Exactly," Hansen said. "That's why we're here." He proffered a slip of paper. "Here's an analysis of it."

"In other words," Judge Hardy asked, "my property is worth money?"

"That's right. Have the sample put to any test you like. There's a fortune in this for all of us."

The bottle, nodded with satisfaction and then climbed back into his car. Well, a few days time would tell. If those men were right, he'd be a rich man yet. In the meantime it wouldn't do a bit of harm to check their statements by having his own sample of the soil analyzed.

Suddenly he heard a loud Indian yell, and glanced back. There was his son, Andy, leaping down the street, jumping over steps and boxes, for the sheer joy of life in Springtime. The Judge watched him for a wistful moment. Ah youth—wonderful gift that man cherished only when he had lost it. Shaking his head a bit he started the car and drove on.

Joyously unaware of his father's reflections, Andy sped down the street. He half turned as little Harmon Higginbotham, Junior, known otherwise as Slickin' Plaster, called forlornly, "Where you going Andy?"

"None of your business," Andy retorted. That kid was always trying to tag along.

"Kin I go with you?"

"No," Andy tore away and a moment later dashed into Polly Benedict's garden. "Hi Polly," he yelled. Gee, she sure looked prettily dressed all in white and sitting in the garden swing. "Boy, didn't you see such a day? Gee, I feel swell..." He stopped short. Lurching on a chair was a young man wearing a Navy Ensign's uniform. "Oh—hello Polly."

She was polite but definitely chilly. "How are you Andy? Uh—this is Ensign Charles Cooper of the United States Navy. Andrew Hardy, Charlie."

Andy sat down hard and swallowed a lump in his throat. Gee, Polly was being mighty supercilious.

"Charlie's staying at our house," she gurgled, "isn't it thrilling? And he's here on official business for the Navy. And guess who else is coming? The Rear Admiral!"

Andy began to chivy a healthy skepticism. "A Rear Admiral—in Carvel? Aw, go on."

school for the navy reserve and it was their job to supervise part of Carvel's road construction so that in a national emergency thousands of men and supplies could be moved efficiently.

"Isn't that simply terrific!" Polly exclaimed.

Andy hated to admit it, but it was. "It's big, all right," Gee whiz, why was it that every time he felt in a loving mood, Polly got these old guys around her. "I don't imagine it's going to keep you here long," he said to Charlie hopefully.

"About six weeks."

"Oh." He took it on the chin and blinked. "Why, that's swell." Then he made a desperate grab for lost prestige. "Yep, that's great. You'll be here to see our Track meet. I've added casually, "run the 440 yard dash. I hold the school record."

Polly giggled. "Why Andy, isn't Charlie's name familiar? Charles Cooper. My goodness, Andy, didn't you read about him in the last Olympic games?"

Andy's eyes glazed over. "You were in the Olympics, huh?" Charlie shrugged with becoming modesty. "Uh-huh."

Andy edged toward the door. He was a little weak from the blow. "Well, I guess I got to be going. My father wants me to take care of something important for him."

"You mean—wash the car?" Polly teased.

Andy turned to the Ensign and smiled painfully. "Kids have such a funny sense of humour, don't they? Well gee—bye."

His face was three feet long as he came up the front walk of his house. Then he looked up as Mom appeared at the window.

"Darling," Mrs. Hardy called coaxingly, "will you pick some flowers for the table? I think the flowers north of the house are in bloom."

who was cleaning vegetables at the sink. "That boy—now he's off on another tack. He's been as good as gold for about two weeks. I might have expected a change any day. It's come, all right." Then she broke off and stared at the Judge walked through the kitchen to the back garden without saying a word. His only greeting was a dreamy little wave of recognition. He had the detached look of a man who is walking on air. She peered out the window and ran back.

"Well, for pity's sake Milly. Do you see James? He's moving the lawn. At his age. What can he be thinking of?" She marched determinedly to the stove. "I can guess, though—Spring. It happens every year. Well, I'll tell you this, spring-fever or no spring fever, I'm not serving dinner one minute later than usual."

The Judge was running a very crooked swath across the lawn as his daughter Marian came up to him. He smiled as he faced her. Sometimes, Marian, at eighteen, could be more earnest than the oldest jurist he had ever known. And sure enough, she did have something on her mind. It seemed that she'd been thinking, "Dad," she said tensely, "As you know, I haven't any current heart interest now. I mean, any steady one. Lately my life seems so sort of pointless—so I want to try earning my own living. I want to be doing something."

He looked at her thoughtfully. "Well, I'll admit, I'd like to see you earning your own living in case you had to. But I'd hate to have to take somebody's pay cheque away—somebody who might need it."

"But Dad—"

"Marian," Mrs. Hardy called from the window, "time to set the table."

The Judge patted his daughter's arm. "I'll put my thinking-cap on and see what we can do."

He bent to the lawn mower. Nice girl, he decided vaguely. She'll grow up into a grand woman like her mother some day. Then, his thoughts turned again to

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 3, 1890.
We learn that the very handsome gift to the Masons of Hongkong which Wor. Bros. the Hon. C. P. Chater, Wor. Bros. Gillies and Bro. Mody are making, will consist of a new Lodge room on exactly the same lines as the existing one, in the rear of which it will be erected. This will enable two judges to be held at once. The cost is estimated at about \$16,000.

Last night the Duke and Duchess of Connaught were entertained by the Chinese community at the Kow-shing Theatre.

25 YEARS AGO

April 3, 1915.
The National Union of Journalists wires to the Allies, and states that it appreciates the co-operation of Japan in freeing the seas and nations in the Far East from the peril of allied aggression and trusts that the friendship of the two island races may long endure.

A couple of interesting letters from Rudyard Kipling to a French friend have been published in Paris. He freely uses the word "Boche" as every soldier does, says he could tell some pretty stories of the Indian troops, "but they are nearly all in your country," sarcastically refers to German "Kultur" and closes one of his notes with the following passage:
"Let us take courage and rejoice that it has been given us to live in such times. The issue is beyond all doubt, and the re-crystallization of Europe will be something for the survivors to see. If we die, at any rate our two countries will not and they will recreate the world."

10 YEARS AGO

April 3, 1930.
Another important step in the development of Kowloon will be embarked upon in the near future when work on a big block of residential four roomed flats will be started on the vacant ground between the Star Theatre and the M.C.A. This valuable building site has remained undeveloped for many years being merely occupied by market gardeners and flower sellers.

5 YEARS AGO

April 3, 1935.
During a protracted debate in the House of Lords to-day, Viscount Peel, former Cabinet Minister, proposed that Great Britain should accept the role of mediator in any disputes which should in the future arise between Japan and China.

The Duke of Atholl, famous old soldier, deprecated the often-heard theory that Japan was making an effort to absorb China. "She has trouble enough without trying to conquer China," the Duke of Atholl declared, "with Russia waiting and watching."

The striking revelation that a considerable part of the Swedish armament industry was under foreign, and particularly German control, was made in a report of the Commission examining the question of armament manufacture.

Asked at question time in the House of Commons whether Herr Hitler had given to the British representatives at the Berlin party any indication as to the strength and size of the German Air Force, Sir John Simon, the Foreign Minister, replied in the affirmative.

In the course of their conversations, he said, Chancellor Hitler had stated in general terms that Germany had reached parity with Great Britain in the air.

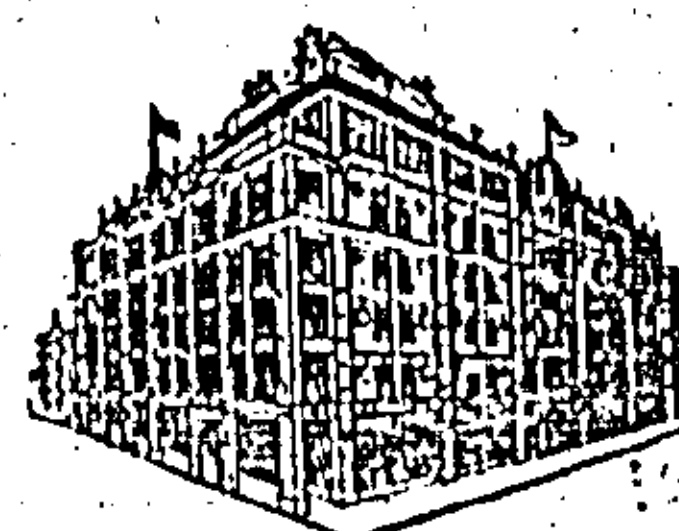
At the close of question time, Mr. Winston Churchill asked the Prime Minister whether in view of Sir John Simon's answer he would provide an opportunity for a debate upon these "urgent and serious matters."

The Prime Minister replied that the state of Parliament's business was so pressing at the moment that the Government was unable to set aside any special day for this discussion.

aluminum. If only that sample came back with the same report as the one that Willis and Hansen had given him, he'd be able to retire and live in ease the rest of his life.

He straightened up. My, what a wonderful Spring day this had turned out to be.

TO-MORROW
PLAYBOY ANDY



NOTICE

CHANGE OF BUSINESS HOURS

WE BEG TO INFORM OUR CUSTOMERS THAT AS FROM APRIL 1st, OUR BUSINESS HOURS WILL BE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:

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BOYS of Eton College, wondering whether parents are going to accept the headmaster's recommendation that £2 10s. is sufficient pocket money for a boy each term, says that 4s. a week would be much too low.

Danny Holds Up Father

There May Be Trouble—In France

ALTON, Hampshire. FOUR-YEAR-OLD DANNY FORSTER upset B.E.F. arrangements—and it looks as if there may be trouble ahead for father.

Gunner Herbert Forster will arrive back in France from leave 12 hours late.

Another of Danny's pranks made him miss his train.

Danny, spent the days before his father came home, wandering the fastness of Alton looking for him.

When the time came for Gunner Forster to leave, his wife could not keep an eye on Danny. She has flu and her mother is crippled with arthritis.

So Gunner Forster said his good-byes, locked all the doors, and set off from Bow-drect, Alton, to catch the 7 a.m. train.

But Danny turned up just the same. He had climbed out of a window.

Father had to take him home. The train left Alton without him—and he did not get away until this evening.

At the station to-night he said: "I have put Danny to bed. He said: 'I'll see you in the morning, dad.'"

"When he wakes up there'll be trouble."

Bombers can't be 'silent'

GERMAN bombers will not be able to take Britain's defences unawares by flying across the coasts unheard.

It has not been possible to produce an engine silencer without sacrifice of speed.

The bomber cannot afford to lose even 10 m.p.h. in exchange for the doubtful gains of the silencer, as it is already 30 m.p.h. to 50 m.p.h. slower than the fighter.

Even when engines are silenced, the noise from the propellers is sufficient to betray the presence of the bomber to the sound locators round the coasts.

MARCH RAINFALL: According to a rainfall report issued by the Botanic Gardens, 18.14 inches of rain fell during March, compared with 12.91 inches recorded at the Royal Observatory. The highest daily total was 3.87 inches on the 16th as against 4.45 inches in Kowloon. There were 15 rainless days.

COMPANY RESULTS Union Insurance to Pay 12s. 6d. Dividend

Subject to audit, the Directors of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., will recommend the payment of a final dividend of 12s. 6d. per share in respect of the year 1939.

The ordinary yearly meeting of the Society will be held on May 3. BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE. Subject to audit the Directors of the British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend the payment of a dividend of 7s. per share for the year ended December 31 1939.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO. Subject to audit the Directors of the The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend the payment of a dividend of \$12 per share and bonus dividend of \$8 per share for the year ended December 31 1939.

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FEARS HE MAY HAVE TO FIGHT HIS COUSINS

"Oh, good
shot sir!
Well hit"

IN their battle with the
Graf Spee, Britain's naval
men did not lose their sense
of humour.

Mr. E. J. Ruse, of Kenwood-
avenue, Hale, Cheshire, writes:
"As a result of the German
direct hits on the British
ship—the observer in the British
plane who reported progress be-
came more and more excited—
exclaiming 'Oh, what a beauty!'
'Well hit, sir!' 'Nice work! I'll
shoot!' 'Nice work! I'll shoot!'
The commander of the cruiser
sent out this message: 'Real in-
formation, please, not so many
compliments!'"

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official
Summary issued yesterday says:
H.K. Banks were dealt in at \$1,490,
and a few Unions at \$510 and some
H.K. Fires at \$185, the rest of the
few dealings was confined to the
junior issues. Market generally still
quietish.

Buyers	Sellers
H.K. Banks \$1,490	H.K. Banks \$1,490
H.K. Fire Ins. \$510	H.K. Fire Ins. \$510
H.K. Docks C. Rts. \$215	H.K. Docks C. Rts. \$215
Union Ins. \$510	Union Ins. \$510
H.K. Electric \$510	H.K. Electric \$510
H. & S. Hotels \$510	H. & S. Hotels \$510
Cement \$104	Cement \$104
Watsons \$2	Watsons \$2
Shippers \$2	Shippers \$2
Wing On \$2	Wing On \$2
Entertainments \$2	Entertainments \$2
Canton Ins. \$227 1/2	Canton Ins. \$227 1/2
Union Ins. \$227 1/2	Union Ins. \$227 1/2
H.K. Fire Ins. \$185	H.K. Fire Ins. \$185
H.K. Docks C. Rts. \$22	H.K. Docks C. Rts. \$22
H.K. Lands \$7 1/2	H.K. Lands \$7 1/2
H.K. Tramways \$17 1/2	H.K. Tramways \$17 1/2
Telephones (Old) \$20 1/2	Telephones (Old) \$20 1/2
Telephones (New) \$11	Telephones (New) \$11
Watsons \$0 1/2	Watsons \$0 1/2

MANILA GOLD SHARES	Pa.	S.
Atoka	14 1/2	a
Artisan	21 1/2	a
Banana Gold	0 10	b
Banana Buhay	0 10	b
Big Wedge	10 1/2	a
Coco Grove	10 1/2	a
Consolidated Mines	0 25	b
Demonstration	0 10	b
East Mindanao	0 10	b
I. X. L.	0 25	b
Ipo Gold	0 25	b
Ilogon Mining	20 1/2	a
Manila Consolidated	0 10	b
Mindanao Motherlode	0 10	b
Mine Operation	0 10	b
North Camarines	0 10	b
Paracale Guinea	17 1/2	a
San Mauricio	0 10	b
Sulphur Consolidated	0 10	b
Suyoc Consolidated	12 1/2	a
Syndicate Investment	0 10	b
United Paracale	21 1/2	a

CHILDREN'S DAY

Celebration and Display
Of Handwork At

Chinese Y.M.C.A.
Some 350 bright children, chosen
from the thousands of children in
Kowloon schools will participate in
the celebration of Children's Day at
the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Waterloo Road,
at noon to-morrow.

The programme will consist of
singing, dancing, masquerade, fancy
skating, walking on stilts, and
physical exercises, including Chinese
boxing.

There will be an exhibition of a
thousand paintings, sketches, em-
broideries, essays, and scrolls of Chi-
nese writings. Handwork by some
900 children will be on display.

The public is cordially invited to
attend the celebration and exhibition.
The latter will be for three days, be-
ginning to-morrow. There will be no
charge for admission nor will there
be solicitation of funds.

LATE NEWS

OBJECTOR'S MOTHER IS A GERMAN

SHOULD a man whose mother is of German birth
be expected to fight against Germany—perhaps against
cousins in the German Army?

Twenty-two-year-old Cecil
Blowers, of Lewis-road, Sutton,
Surrey, thinks not, and at Lon-
don Conscientious Objectors'
Tribunal he said so.

He told the tribunal that he be-
lieved he had cousins in the German
Army.

It would lie on his conscience if he
were sent to the front line and, after
the war, should hear that a cousin
had been killed in the German line.
But the tribunal refused his exemp-
tion.

"Fond Of Them"

Before going back to his job as a
shop assistant at a Bayswater store,
he spent the lunch-hour filling out
the form he obtained from the Labour
Exchange to appeal against the deci-
sion.

At his home his mother was very
unhappy when a reporter told of the
decision.

"My people are German," she said,
"although my neighbours know little
about my origin."

"I kept in touch with my German
relatives by letter until the war. I
am fond of them and have brought up
my two sons to think of them as
friends."

"I have lived all my life in Eng-
land, and have English nationality
through my marriage to a Suffolk
man 30 years ago. But I still feel
I am half-German."

"Before my marriage I was Kath-
arine Wahlen. My family lived at
Bonn, on the Rhine, for generations."

"After the last war there was cold-
ness between branches of the family,
because one nephew, Herbert Wahlen,
was in the British Navy, and another
in a German branch of the family,
trade in human hair."

Talk In German

"If Cecil is in the British Army this
time the same thing might happen."
"My elder son, Wilfrid, is 24, so he
was registered last month. He is
objecting on the same grounds."

"He married a Swiss girl last Octo-
ber, and they live at Priory-crescent,
Chesham. His wife has German ties,
too."

"When Wilfrid and his wife are
with us we sometimes talk in Ger-
man, and we listen to the German
broadcasts."

Mrs. Blowers added: "Although
my husband is as English as any man
in this country, he thinks our sons
are right in the stand they have
taken."

LOSING THEIR HAIR

New Type of Thief Snips
Of Amah's Plaits

An unusual form of theft is be-
coming increasingly common, several
cases having been reported in the
past few weeks of Chinese women
having been seized in the street and
their hair cut off. Many amahs who
wear long plaits have lost their hair
in this fashion.

It is understood that the plaits are
sold for a couple of dollars.

The thefts recall the first years of
the Chinese Republic when men had
their queues forcibly removed. Since
then China has done a large export
trade in human hair.

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THOUSANDS WATCH AIR BATTLE BETWEEN NAZI AND R.A.F. PLANES

NAZIS SINK OUR NAVY (AGAIN)

LONDON, April 3 (Reuter).—Further large-scale
Nazi air raids on Scapa Flow are apparently in progress.
According to the Nazi claims the British Navy has
again been annihilated.

Here is the Nazi version of the raid, as issued by
D.N.B.:

"Some hours ago Heinkel bombers once again paid
a memorable visit to the British Naval Base at Scapa
Flow.

"The first planes have already returned and are over
Helioland.

SUICIDE ATTACKS

Chinese Commander's Amazing Heroism

LANCHOW, Apr. 2 (Central).—The heroism and sacrifice
of Major Chao Shou-kiang resulting in the re-taking of the strategic
town of Wuyuan in west Sui-
yuan by the Chinese last month,
was related in military messages
received here to-day.

Six Bayonet Charges
Major Chao and his battalion were
assigned to the task of storming the
district government building at
Wuyuan, used by the Japanese gar-
rison as their stronghold inside the
city.

Defying withering machine-gun
fire from behind barbed wire en-
trenchments and block-houses, the
battalion charged six times during
the night of March 20. They finally
succeeded in capturing the remnant
Japanese from the building.

Battalion Wiped Out
Major Chao was killed in action
and all but eleven privates of the
whole battalion gave their lives in
the fighting. The Japanese com-
mander of Wuyuan was killed, together
with several senior officers.

Major Chao and his fallen men will
receive posthumous recognition from
the military authorities.

Crumbling Dykes

Severe Flood Threat To Pennsylvania City

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SUNBURY, Penn. April 2 (UP).—
Thousands of emergency workers are
working frantically against time in
an effort to erect new sandbag bar-
riers against the crumbling dykes
that are the only protection this
flood-devastated city now has against
the rampaging Susquehanna river.

The crest of the flood-waters are
expected late to-day.
The bridge connecting Wilkes
Barre and Plymouth has already
given way under the pounding of a
15 miles per hour current.

Casualties have now reached
twelve. They include one man who
shot himself when his home was
destroyed.

In addition, five persons are miss-
ing. Thirty thousand are homeless.

NAZIS ATTACK CONVOYS

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The
Admiralty announces that enemy air-
craft attacked our convoys in the
North Sea this afternoon but were
driven off by gun-fire.

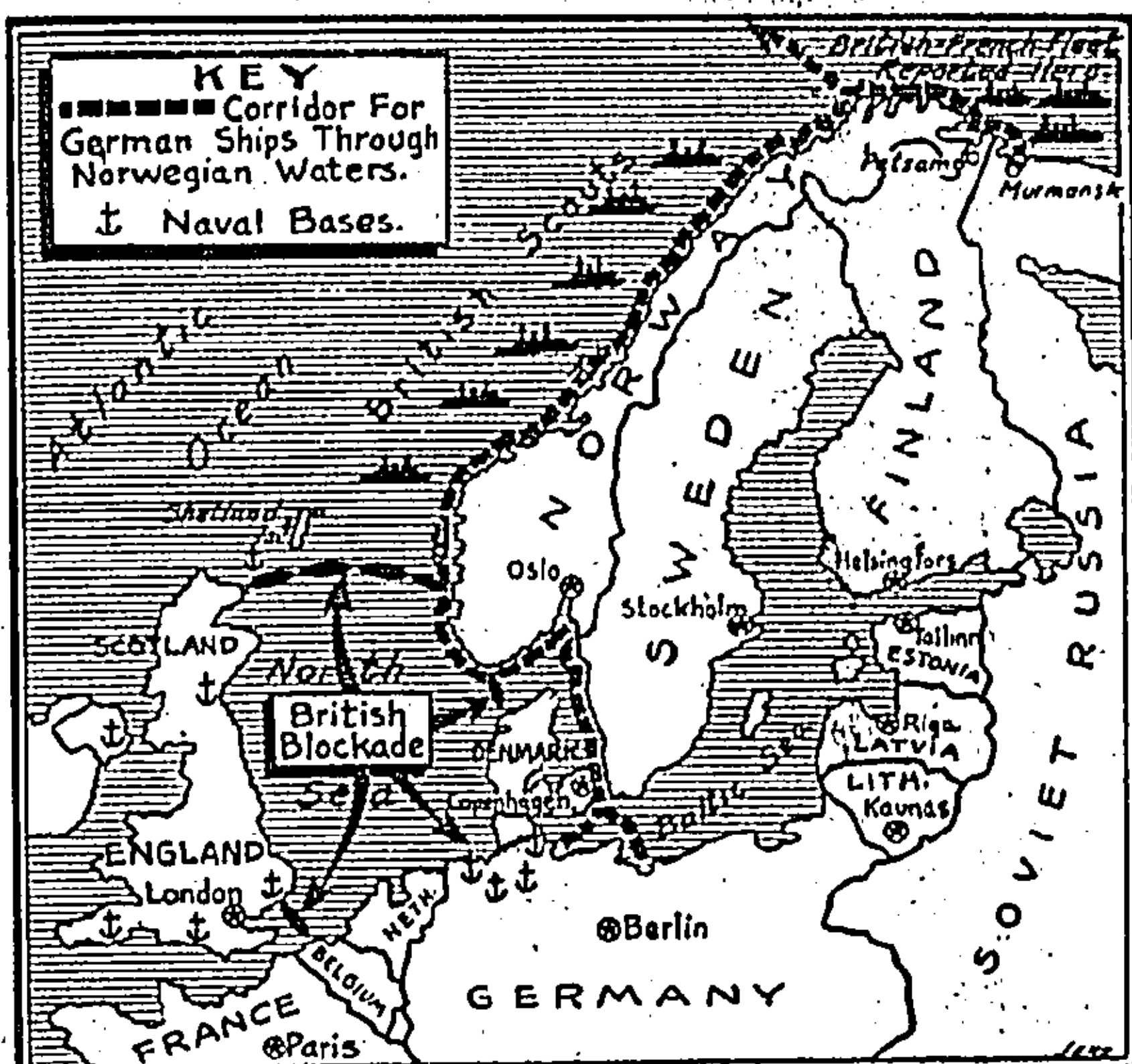
At least ten bombs were dropped,
but no hits were obtained and no
damage was done.

The convoys are proceeding on
their voyage.

Ten Bombs Dropped
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, April 2 (UP).—The
Admiralty announces that German
planes attacked a convoy in the
North Sea this afternoon.

Ten bombs were dropped but no
damage was inflicted.
The raiders were driven off by A.
A. gunfire.

ALLIED THREATEN TRADE ROUTE



THROUGH THIS LONG corridor in Norwegian waters, the Ger-
mans have been successfully routing shipping against the Allied blocka-
de. It is this corridor the Allies are determined to block.

EXTENSION OF THE ALLIED BLOCKADE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 2 (UP).—Mr. Chamberlain has
warned Europe's neutral Powers that the Allies have
decided to go the limit in the economic warfare against
Germany.

He also warned that any aid
they might be extending to
Germany might render the
neutrals "liable to the hideous
fate" of past victims of Hitler's
foreign policy.

Regardless of the neutrals' suffer-
ings or protests, Britain will do
everything possible to stop the ship-
ments of Scandinavian ore to Ger-
many, presumably by intercepting
German ships off the Norwegian
coast.

"The Navy has already taken
practical steps," he said.

Bidding For Balkan Products

Secondly, Britain will take suitable
measures, believed to include high
bids for the purchase of Balkan pro-
ducts, and otherwise do their utmost
to halt supplies reaching Germany
overland, including routes from
Russia and south eastern Europe.

Thirdly, neutral Powers will be
denied Empire products unless they
guarantee to limit their trade with
Germany.

Fourthly, "the double standard of
neutrality," created by Germany to
give the Reich all the advantages of
the neutral bloc and to impose all
the disadvantages on the Allies,
cannot be tolerated and will not
divert the Allies from their course.

Fifthly, squelching any peace
moves, the Premier announced that
the Allies have agreed to make peace
only by common consent—including
PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

MAP CAUSES A FURORE

Italian Press Becomes Very Indignant

PARIS, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—
The Foreign Office has issued a
communiqué regarding "the un-
warranted excitement" caused
abroad by a map of Europe which
figured in the background of a
photograph taken at the Ministry
of Finance during the recent
meeting between M. Paul
Reynaud and Mr. Sumner Welles.

This map has been represented as
showing how the Allies intend to
"shape the future of Europe" by
servicing up Europe and reconstituting
an enlarged Czechoslovakia, Poland
and Austria.

Frontiers "Touched Up"

"The French communiqué points out
that the map is merely one showing
Europe's frontiers as they were 'be-
fore Germany's repeated aggressions
during the past few years.'"

In the reproduction of the map the
photographer touched up certain
frontier lines, thus leading to mis-
apprehension in the Italian press,
which is agitated at the apparent in-
clusion of Trieste in Austria.

A message from Rome states that
the photograph was reproduced
prominently to-day in most of the
newspapers with bitter anti-French
and anti-British comments.

Three Ships In Distress

Caught In Heavy Storm Off Norway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERGEN, Apr. 2 (UP).—Three
merchant ships are reported to be in
distress off the coast of Norway
following a heavy snowstorm.

One is a Norwegian ship from
Haugesund, another is an unidentified
Danish ship loaded with wheat, and
the third is of undetermined nation-
ality.

A coastguard cutter has put out
from Bergen to assist the vessels.

NEUTRAL MACHINES PROTECT FRONTIER

AMSTERDAM, April 2 (Reuter).—Behind a brief communiqué
issued by the British Air Ministry to-day lies a thrilling story of violent
air duels over the North Sea, witnessed by thousands of spectators in
neutral Holland.

The communiqué said:

"R.A.F. aircraft of the Bomber Command were actively engaged in
reconnaissance over the North Sea during the day. Enemy patrol vessels
were attacked with bombs and one enemy aircraft of the Junkers type
was engaged and damaged in combat.

"The wreckage of this aircraft was subsequently observed by a war-
ship.

"One of our aircraft is missing."

The violent air battles were watched by thousands of spectators at
points along the Dutch frontier yesterday even-
ing.

Dutch air patrols were sent up to protect Dutch
neutrality.

People in many places in eastern and central Holland
ran out of doors to see what was happening.

The rival planes—tiny black specks wheeling and
manoeuvring in a clear sky—were clearly visible.

Anti-aircraft fire was heard from the German side of
the frontier.

SMOKE-SCREENS ACROSS FRONTIER

Great smoke-screens drifted across the frontier
particularly in the neighbourhood of Zutphen.

Reports that the combatants flew over Dutch territory
lack confirmation but the roar of the aircraft engines
continued well into the night.

The watchers saw five
enormous searchlights being
brought into action in the neigh-
bourhood of Borken (just over
the frontier from Arnhem)

which swept the sky unceasingly.

At one moment observers saw a
plane caught in the beam and escape
again after a series of breathtaking
manoeuvres.

Fight Over West Front

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—A
bulletin issued by the Headquarters
of the British Air Forces in France
states that yesterday three fighter air-
craft of the R.A.F. attacked and broke
up a formation of nine Messerschmitts
of the 110 type on the Western Front
near Metz.

All our aircraft returned safely.

Jockey Club's Handsomeness Gifts

B.W.O.F. & China Relief Funds Benefit

The British War Organisation
Fund and the British Fund for
the Relief of Distress in China
have each benefitted to the ex-
tent of \$61,250 as a result of the
Hongkong Derby which was run
in February.

According to an official statement
by the Secretary of the Hongkong
Jockey Club, cheques for \$61,250 have
been despatched to the two funds as a
contribution from the Jockey Club
from the result of the Hongkong
Derby sweep.

It is interesting to note that a re-
cord number of tickets were sold on
this year's Derby, the 700,000 mark
being passed before the sweep was
closed. The first prize amounted to
\$297,920.

Battle Over Nazi Lines

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, April 2 (UP).—A report
from the Royal Air Force in France
states that three Hurricanes engaged
nine Messerschmitts over the German
lines to-day.

Three German planes were brought
down without loss to the R.A.F.

JAP VERSUS ZEESEN

GOEBBELS is having some
difficulty in making his pro-
paganda broadcasts from Zeesen
heard in the Far East.

Zeesen is being drowned by a
"revving" morse station.

But the Allies are not causing
the trouble. Everyone in Hong-
kong is free to listen to the Nazi
propaganda—if they can hear it.

A Japanese station is the
offender. It is utilising a fre-
quency that blankets out the
German station.

The call-sign of the morse
station is, appropriately enough,
JAP.

Munitions Explosion

Three Lose Lives In Scottish Factory

LONDON, Apr. 2
(Reuter).—The Minister of
Supply announces that an
explosion occurred in a
munitions factory in Scot-
land this evening.

It is feared that three lives
have been lost. Four men were
injured.

A Court of Inquiry has been
set up to investigate the acci-
dent.

U.S. Fleet Sails

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SAN PEDRO, Apr. 2 (UP).—The
United States Battle Fleet sailed to-
day.

Battleships were the last to leave.
The Secretary of the Navy, Mr.
Charles Edison, and Admiral
Richmond were aboard U.S.S.
Pennsylvania.

ECONOMIC WARFARE

No Cotton Re-Exports To Germany

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—
Exports from the United States
to Europe and neutral countries
were featured at question time
to-day when Parliament resumed
following the ten days Easter
recess.

The Minister for Economic Warfare
said that while it is true that the
Netherlands imports of cotton from
the United States during the three
months September to November 1939,
and United States exports to countries
near Germany were larger than dur-
ing the same period in 1938, he could
not accept the suggestion that this
indicated re-exports to Germany.

No Raw Cotton Re-Exports

According to official Netherlands
statistics, he announced, no raw cotton
was re-exported to Germany during
the four months September to Decem-
ber 1939. He added that during the
same period re-exports of cotton in
other forms were very small.

He stated that imports of cotton
from all sources into the Netherlands
for the whole of 1939 totalled 62,250
tons compared with 62,850 in 1937.

LATEST

See Back Page For
Further Late News

BIG HONGKONG ESTATE

Formerly a partner of Messrs.
Johnson, Stokes and Minister, the late
Mr. Herbert Johnson, G.C.S.I., who
died at 31 Montagu Square, London,
on July 25 last, left Hongkong estate
worth \$374,700.

An application by Mr. G. G. N.
Tinson to seal, certified copy of pro-
bate of the will, has been granted.

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OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 27th March.

Canton	Apr. 3
Java and Manila	Apr. 3
Manila	Apr. 3
Shanghai and Amoy	Apr. 3
Shanghai	Apr. 3
Australia and Manila	Apr. 4
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	Apr. 4
Canton	Apr. 4
Shanghai	Apr. 4
U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 28th February)	Apr. 4
Japan	Apr. 4
Saigon	Apr. 4
Straits	Apr. 4
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 27th March.	Apr. 5

OUTWARD MAILS

Wednesday, April 3
Fort Bayard 1.30 p.m.
Manila 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 11th April.
K. P. O.
Reg. April 3, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. April 3, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg. April 3, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. April 3, 7.00 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 4th May and London Parcels—due London, 12th May.
K.P.O.
Parcels Apr. 3, 5 p.m.
Reg. Apr. 3, 5 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 4, 8.30 a.m.

Parcels Apr. 3, 5 p.m.
Reg. Apr. 3, 5 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 4, 8.30 a.m.
Thursday, April 4
Canton 7.15 a.m.
Amoy 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan 1.30 p.m.
Amoy 2.30 p.m.
Swatow and (Shanghai Parcels only) 2.30 p.m.

Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar 3.30 p.m.
Parcel Mail for Straits 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 17th April.
K.P.O.
Reg. 5.00 p.m.
Ord. 5.30 p.m.

Reg. 5.00 p.m.
Ord. 7.00 p.m.
Amoy 7 p.m.
Friday, April 5

Sandakan 12.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beirut, Lourenco Marques, East and South Africa 2.30 p.m.
Hainan 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 6
Canton 7.15 a.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Japan 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 14th April.
K.P.O.
Reg. Apr. 6, 5 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 6, 5.30 p.m.

Reg. Apr. 6, 5 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 6, 5.30 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-fifth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, on Monday, the 22nd April, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 6th April to 22nd April, 1940, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY LIMITED.
General Managers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LTD.

The Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held in the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, 5th Floor, on Thursday, 11th April, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 8th April, to Thursday, 11th, 1940, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1940.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1940.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. General Secretary, H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.
The Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor.

The Inspector, 82 Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd Floor.
The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.

The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.
All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

HIDDEN NAZI ARMS WORKS

The Hague, Feb. 12.

The Berlin correspondents of the Dutch papers today describe a visit to a German secret munition factory. These factories are well guarded by S.S. men (Black Guards), and anybody approaching is challenged.

The factories are cleverly hidden among clumps of trees, or groups of houses so that their special nature is not evident. The branches of the same factory are all some distance from each other—sometimes as much as fifty miles. The reason for this is partly that in case of an air raid only a little of the factory is damaged, and partly because one worker does not know where and how the next part of the same machinery which he produces is made, and this prevents espionage.

The papers also describe how the whole German population, including women, is mobilised, and how girls who until a few weeks ago were working in chocolate factories or as mannequins are now producing munitions.

Ferret sneezes—and saves millions from 'flu death

THE NEW BOOKS DOCTOR GOT VITAL CLUE

By MONICA DICKENS

A FERRET with sick, tired eyes and misery in his bones looked at the man standing over him, and then suddenly sneezed—full in his face. Two days later the man went down with influenza, but, instead of cursing, he rejoiced.

That man was Dr. Stuart-Harris, a British medical research worker, and the ferret was one that had been infected with the human form of influenza through being injected with the virus from a sick man's throat.

By that sneeze the animal gave the doctor the final clue for which he had been searching in his months of research on the disease—how the 'flu germs are so rapidly spread.

Had that ferret sneezed in a research's face two decades ago, the 20,000,000 victims of the 'flu epidemic at the end of the last war would have been spared.

PRIVATE

BILL DAVIES IS—

Preacher In (BATTLE DRESS) Uniform

WHILE his soldier friends meet their girls on Sundays, 21-year-old Private "Bill" Davies, of Bedwas, Monmouthshire, preaches in South Wales pulpits—in battle dress.

Bill, an ex-fitter, does it because it is his ambition to become a preacher. He began to study for the Ministry. He showed considerable promise, was enthusiastic, had the Welsh gift of vivid oratory. His local Baptist Association accepted him as a student-preacher.

When war broke out he was called up. As he was not ordained, and had not attended a theological college, he could not be exempted. "So," as he said "I do the next best thing."

His commanding officer allows him time at week-ends to travel to that he may continue preaching. Churches all over the confield invite him to address their congregations.

"I always preach in uniform," he said. Once a man expressed surprise that I should have joined the Army.

"My conscience tells me I do not do wrong in fighting against evil."

State Papers Stolen From Beck's Home

BUCHAREST.—Important State documents have been stolen from the former Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, according to reports from Brasov, in the Carpathian Mountains, where he is living in exile.

"An interested foreign Power" is said to have sent agents to steal the documents, which were closely guarded.

THIS GIRL LOVES HER UNCLE

A MAN who signed a false declaration when giving notice of marriage to his niece was fined £10 with the alternative of two months' imprisonment at Croydon.

The man, Charles Edward Skeet, thirty-one, a fur cutter of St. Mark's-road, South Croydon, was fined to live in lodgings with his twenty-four-year-old niece.

Skeet's sister-in-law, Mrs. Florence Skeet, of Ely-road, West Croydon, said Skeet had been walking out with her daughter for three years. He told her he had given notice of marriage to her daughter.

"I told him he could not do it," added Mrs. Skeet, "and I went to see the registrar."

Detective-Sergeant Spash said Skeet who was single, made this

statement: "I must take the blame. I knew we could not get married because of the fact that I am her uncle. I only wanted to do the right thing by her when she was in trouble."

"Only Man For Me"

Miss Skeet said: "I have been in love with Charlie for five years now. We wanted to get married, but now, of course that is all over."

"My parents were against us going together, but he was the only man for me. There will never be anyone else."

"A man may not marry his brother's daughter." This is one of the thirty relationships given in the Book of Common Prayer's table of kindred and affinity "wherein whose ever are related are forbidden in Scripture and our laws to marry together."

Nine Horsemen Of The Apocalypse

"THE four horsemen of the Apocalypse have now become nine," said Mr. Herbert Hoover, ex-President of the United States.

"These are Imperialism, destroyer of the independence of nationalities; intolerance, destroyer of minorities; Statism, destroyer of personal liberty; Atheism, destroyer of faith; Hate, destroyer of the unity of man-

kind; and after them ride war and death, and finally there is famine and pestilence, which are long drawn out 'one inevitable end would be famine and pestilence in the whole of Europe.'"

He urged the United States to keep out of the war because the "chance for civilisation in Europe to come back again may depend on America."



G.B.S. BOOKS
BOUGHT BY
HOLLYWOOD

Burglar wakes up Wendy Barrie—and talks

NEW YORK.

FOR an hour a good-looking young burglar sat by the bedside of Wendy Barrie, copper-haired British film actress in Hollywood, who was born in Hongkong, and boasted of his exploits.

At intervals he seized her hand and made her pat his face.

Wendy, who is twenty-six, was awakened at 4 a.m., according to the police report.

She cried, "Who's there?" and a muffled voice replied, "Never mind. Keep your eyes closed."

Then a gloved hand was clapped over her mouth and her sleeping shade was pulled over her eyes. "I want all your money and your diamonds," said the voice.

she felt a revolver pressed into her side. The burglar said, "You're in the limelight. You've got it all right."

Finally Wendy persuaded him that she had no money in the house and that her diamonds were in the bank. Disappointed, the burglar sat down by the bed. He showed her his revolver, then produced an icpick and a chisel and said: "That's part of my equipment. I'm the guy who robbed Richard Barthelmess and some of the others round here."

He went on talking, then, eventually realising that it was time to leave, said: "I like you. You're O.K. I'm going to pull a really big job one of these days. I'll send you on a diamond."

When the police heard about it they said to Wendy: "But you had a revolver. Why didn't you make him surrender?"

Wendy replied: "I'm just a heroine on the screen, not in real life. I was too scared to try anything like that."

FILM SATIRE ON NAZIS

Hollywood's first film satirising the Nazi regime is Columbia's "You Nasty Spy," not yet seen in this Colony.

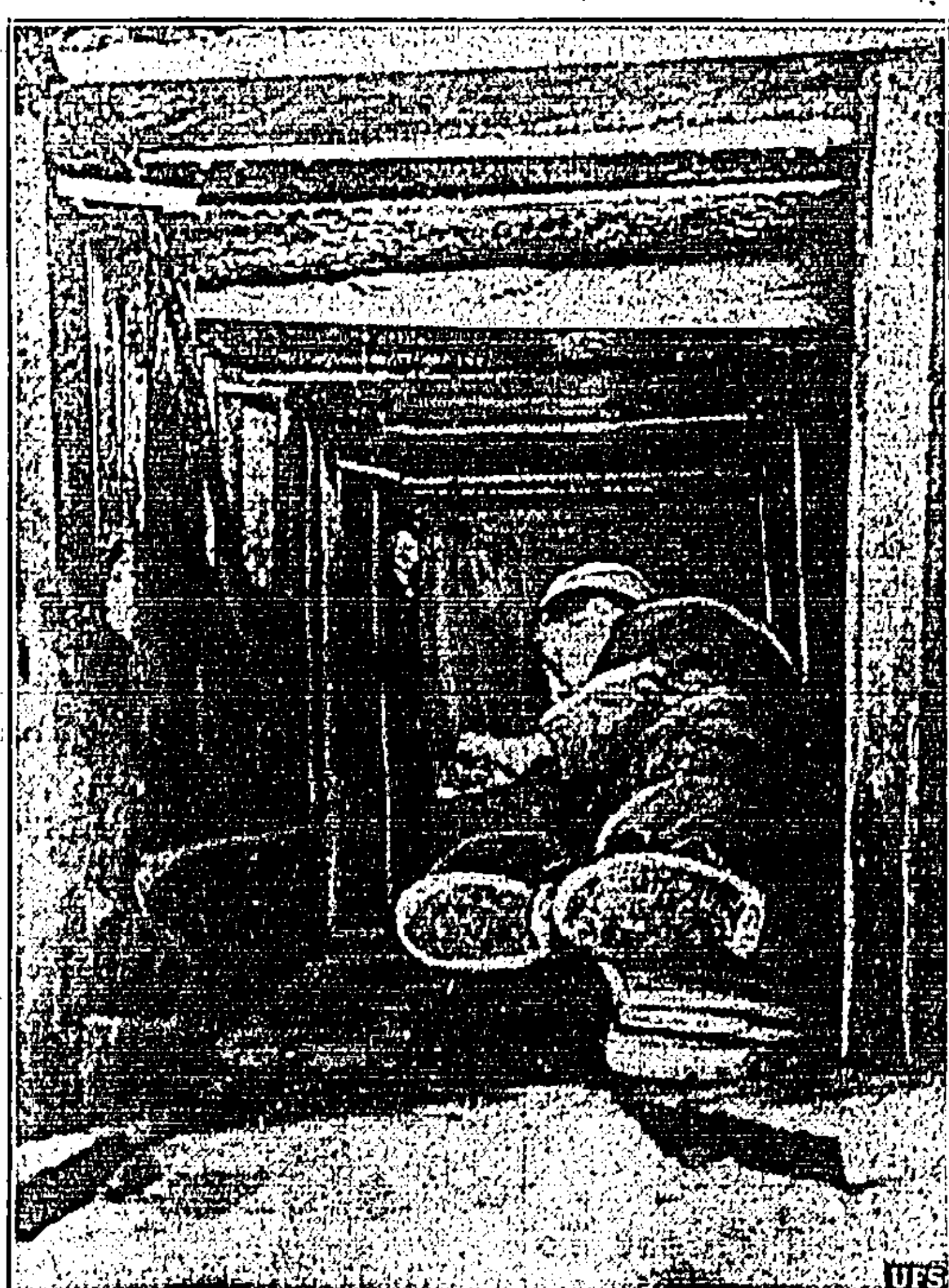
Produced with some secrecy, it stars the Three Stooges as German war lords, called "Hailstone," "Gallstone," and "Pebble."

Hitler's mannerisms are imitated by "Hailstone," whose speeches are in German, and "Gallstone" wears a gorgeous uniform decorated with medals.

To make the significance still more obvious, the plot has munition makers aiding a trio of puppetmasters to overthrow the king of Moroccon in a "beerhall putch." No sooner are they successful than they start persecuting, burning books and demanding territory.

After a revolution in which "Mata Herring" plays a part, the dictators flee by mistake to a lion's den and are devoured.

TUNNEL BELOW A PRISON



A hole 50 feet long was tunneled under the Cherry Hill prison walls, at Philadelphia, by convicts seeking to escape. Prison officials discovered it. James Wilson, the convict leader, committed suicide.

BIGAMY CAPTAIN DEPORTED

CAPTAIN Ivan Poderjay, debonair ex-Yugoslav officer whose bigamous "wife" vanished mysteriously in 1934, has been deported from America.

Sent To Sing-Sing

He will be sent back to Yugoslavia. Police hunted three countries for his "wife"—a brilliant American lawyer of Detroit before her marriage.

Poderjay was extradited to New York from Vienna after she disappeared, and was sent to Sing-Sing for bigamy.

His "wife" vanished, together with her fortune, a few weeks after marrying Poderjay, and police in America, England, and Austria tried to trace her.

But she has never been found.

The Flying Motorcycle

NEW YORK.

A NEW plane which can take off at high speed in 50ft. or 60ft., climb steeply, hover almost motionless, descend at a precipitous angle, and come to a standstill almost as soon as it touches earth, has been developed in the United States.

It is the product of the Ryan Company, of San Diego, California, and has been demonstrated to the United States Army Test Board.

This plane is being called the "flying motorcycle." It is a 420 horsepower machine, and it is claimed, has all the advantages of a gyroplane, without the latter's low speed.

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COLONY'S BIGGEST CABARET SHOW

AN ALMOST continuous revue of cabaret numbers is promised by the Management of the Hongkong Hotel for next Saturday night, when patrons of the Gripps will say farewell to two of the most popular stars to have visited the Colony this season and will, at the same time, welcome back an old favourite team.

Fredric and Sandra Hartnell, who have shown Hongkong the real meaning of Swing, are closing their season at the Gripps in order to fulfil an engagement with the Oriental Theatre, and will make their last appearance on Saturday night.

Lanky, droll Dave Harvey, accompanied by the Dyer Sisters, arrive from Manila on Friday and will appear in conjunction with the Hartnells for a second season at the Gripps.

They need no introduction to Gripps patrons.

On Saturday night each team will present four acts, making a total of eight numbers of a calibre that is well up to leading metropolitan standard.

It will be one of the biggest cabaret nights witnessed in Hongkong.

THE Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club, now in its 96th year, will present Lesley Storm's light comedy "Tony Draws a Horse" at the China Fleet Club tomorrow night.

In the selection of this play the A. D. C. has been guided by ever increasing requests from the public for "something to really laugh at." With that in mind the Committee could scarcely have made a better choice as many people recently returned to the Colony, who saw the play in London, will readily testify. "Tony Draws a Horse," according to last advices received, is still running at the Comedy Theatre and by this time must have exceeded 300 performances.

The theme perhaps, gives modern parents something to think about; inasmuch as it deals with the problem of whether a child should be allowed to express his natural gifts freely, and depict life and things as he sees them, or whether those gifts should be curbed by convention. Tony, aged eight years, has a natural gift for drawing; but, to the conventional mind any real talent for biological exactitude causes some embarrassment. His parents each hold opposite views regarding his upbringing and Tony is the unconscious cause of a lot of trouble!

ON this occasion the China Fleet Club Theatre's stage will be taxed to its utmost as the play requires three sets. These have been designed by Mr. W. A. Cornell, who has combined

WHAT'S ON

QUEEN'S: "The Day the Bookies Wept."

ALHAMBRA: "The Secret of a Treasure Island."

ORIENTAL: "Fire Over England."

KING'S: "Music in my Heart."

MAJESTIC: "Hawaiian Nights."

a good deal of ingenuity with his usual artistic ideas to make the staging possible in such limited space.

Rehearsals are proceeding apace, and the cast includes Sunny Hole, Claude Burgess, Sheila Mackinlay, James Whitham, Beryl Fair, J. Roberts, San Pringle, Auguste Hoffmeister, Olive Green, Gordon Mackinlay, Anne Dowling, Andrew Gilmore, Peggy Chubb and Amedee de Boysson. Once again the A.D.C.'s production is in aid of the British War Organisation Fund.

M.G.M. is annoyed with the National Broadcasting Company of America.

The radio company announced it would give £1,000 to the Finnish Red Cross if Garbo appeared in one of their programmes.

Garbo's studio (M.G.M.) refused, pointing out that Garbo recently gave £1,000 to the Finnish Relief Fund.

Anyway, she has turned down offers of \$4,000 to appear on the American radio.

SPEAKING of money, RKO-Radio spent more than any other Hollywood studio in 1939 buying the film rights of books and plays. They wrote out cheques amounting to \$11,000.

Which reminds me that the highest price ever paid for the film rights of anything was the \$400,000 that M.G.M. paid for "Ben Hur."

At the box office it took \$2,250,000, including nearly \$1,000,000 from foreign cinemas.

"GONE With the Wind" is due soon now—which reminds me that a skit on the search for that picture's star is about to be made.

It's called "Kiss the Boys Good-bye," and has been one of

Broadway's most recent and successful plays.

Clare Boothe, author of "The Women," wrote it.

I HEAR via America that there is a great boom in beer and the cinema in Germany just now, because everything else is either rationed or too expensive.

NEWS from Australia says that Mickey Rooney and George Formby are about the two biggest favourites down under.

Shirley Temple and Deanna Durbin have slipped.

HOLLYWOOD is a town teeming with beautiful ingenues, marble-chiselled juveniles, low-priced vintage vines, and half-priced bedroom suites. —Groucho Marx, writing in Variety.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Right now she's at the curious stage—yesterday she wanted to know what in the world I saw in her father!"

WIT IN WARSHIPS' BADGES

EVERY British warship has an official symbol, in the shape of the badge bestowed upon her by the Admiralty; that badge is to the warship what colours are to a regiment. All the history of these badges reveals ingenuity, officialdom—and naval wit.

Until the end of the last war, these badges had no official sanction; they came into existence more or less haphazardly. When a ship was commissioned, her commander could, if he so desired, have a badge made in the naval dockyard or aboard. There was no Admiralty ruling of any kind on the matter.

But when, during the last war, ships were pouring out from the shipyards, things began to happen. The Naval staff set to work. One of the first humorous badges was that which graced the destroyer H.M.S. Tormentor. The badge showed a large fish. Another warship, H.M.S. Vanity, had a badge depicting a beautiful mermaid admiring herself in a hand mirror.

But perhaps best-known of all in Naval circles was the badge of H.M.S. Onslaught. It consisted solely of a bulrush. The idea puzzled many Naval men until the Fleet was regaled with the inside story.

A very exalted and much gold-braided officer came to inspect the



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The badge of H.M.S. Onslaught.

ship; seeing the badge, he asked for an explanation of its origin. He was told that when she was commissioned for service one sailor

asked a shipmate what the word "onslaught" meant. The reply was "a so-and-so rush," and the badge was conceived there and then.

A Red-Taped Sloth

THEN came two final incidents which officialdom could not ignore. When H.M.S. Hebe was commissioned, she sported a badge showing a blonde barmaid drawing beer. That was Incident No. 1. Incident No. 2 concerned H.M.S. Whitehall, a vessel about to be commissioned. The rumour got round that her badge was to be the finest ever devised—a large sloth reeling up in miles of red tape. Officialdom hastily decided that the time had come to call a halt.

So the whole question of badges was reviewed. When the war ended all ships remaining on the Navy List were allowed to keep their badges, provided they were considered suitable. Those that were unsuitable were changed and the design and issue of all badges were regularised.

Nowadays, the badges and details of a ship's war honours form a composite whole, the honours appearing on a scroll below the badge and hours of capital ships appear inside a large circular scroll; those of cruisers in a design with five sides; those of auxiliary vessels in a diamond-shaped outline; and those of destroyers inside a shield.

In the larger vessels the badge is fixed at the fore-end of the quarter deck. Small ships, such as destroyers, can have the badge displayed elsewhere. The destroyer H.M.S. Boreas, for example, has a badge in front of the badge. It shows a face with the cheeks puffed out and blowing hard, this representing Boreas, or the North Wind.

Oak for Sturdy

MANY of the present badges are obvious from the ship's name. That "off-sunk" aircraft carrier H.M.S. Ark Royal, has a badge which shows Noah's Ark surmounted by a crown. H.M.S. Bruce sports a badge depicting a spider mounted on a St. Andrew's Cross. The badge of H.M.S. Rocket shows the ancient steam engine of that name. H.M.S. Sesame, as most of us will appreciate, has a badge which simply displays a key.

When H.M.S. Sterling was named, a mistake was made. Her name should have been Stirling, after the Scottish town, when she would probably have sported a badge of the town's arms. But Sterling she remained, and the badge designed for her shows the familiar S sign.

All classical allusions are carefully followed. The badge of H.M.S. Cyclops shows a single eye on a background of flame, a striking reference to Greek mythology. Polyphemus, the most famous of the Cyclopes, was a one-eyed giant whose single eye was put out with a blazing stake by Odysseus.

The badge of H.M.S. Sturdy shows a British oak, and that of H.M.S. Vallant a fighting cock. Another badge which all Londoners will appreciate is that of H.M.S. Greenwich. It shows an hour glass with a star, so combining Greenwich Mean Time with the work of the astronomers of Greenwich Observatory.

Badges may not have the long tradition of Army colours, but they are now so firmly established that anyone who speaks lightly of them does so at his own peril.

D. J. M.

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GALLANTRY AWARDS

London, Apr. 2.

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JAPANESE LEVER: S'HAU COMMENT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, April 2 (UP).—Informed quarters, commenting on the report in the "Hongkong Telegraph" that Japan may utilise the Chinese Maritime Customs revenue as a lever in an attempt to force recognition of Wang Ching-wei, draw attention to yesterday's report from Nanking.

This report (also quoted by the "Telegraph" yesterday) quoted Chou Fo-hai, Wang's Finance Minister, as stating that the new Nanking regime would recognise foreign debts, but would "determine payment according to the nature of the debts."

A large proportion of third Power debts are secured by C.M.C. revenue. Informed quarters in Shanghai agree that Wang Ching-wei is hopeful that the offer of payment on loans will induce third Powers to record recognition to his government.

No Compromise

It is doubtful, however, that any of the major Powers, particularly the United States, will compromise on this basis.

It is pointed out that the United States has continued to loan money to the Chungking Government, despite defaults on earlier loans.

It appears, therefore, that Washington is either confident of Chungking's eventual ability to meet old obligations, or the Far Eastern situation is more vital from a strategic viewpoint than from a monetary viewpoint.

The offer of repayments on outstanding loans is only one of the methods by which Wang Ching-wei will seek third Power recognition, according to well informed quarters. Other methods will include regulation of trade, residence and travel in the areas controlled by Nanking, whereby nations of third Powers will be forced to seek visas and permits through the Wang Ching-wei administrative offices. Nanking, it is believed, will otherwise refuse to admit foreign nationals and goods.

Many local business-men anticipate major efforts by Nanking on these lines, whereby Wang Ching-wei will gradually increase the problems besetting third Power nationals.

Anglo-French Policy

Observers, commenting on the "Telegraph" report, refuse to predict the future course of British and French policy towards Wang Ching-wei in view of the Allied pre-occupation in Europe.

The consensus of opinion is that Britain and France will refrain from following a policy antagonistic to that

Soldiers Cast Their Vote

No Changes Caused In Canadian Elections

OTTAWA, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The votes of Canada's soldiers, sailors and airmen to-day were added to the civilian votes in the general election without, however, causing a single turnover throughout the country.

The active service vote favoured Opposition National Government candidates, but took nothing from the sweeping triumph scored by the Liberals.

The total Services' vote was found to be 55,042 of the 90,000 or so who were eligible to vote. Supporters of National Government candidates polled just 50 per cent of the total and Liberals 41 per cent, the bulk of the remainder going to Co-operative, Commonwealth Federation candidates.

JOHORE'S NEW WAR TAXES

SINGAPORE, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The State Council of Johore, one of the Federated Malay States, is increasing its existing taxes and has brought in new ones to provide for an annual contribution of £200,000 for the Imperial Exchequer.

Adopted by the United States, even if Nanking pays China's loan in small instalments, it will be many years before Britain is able to recover the amount equivalent to the total she has put into the Anglo-Chinese Stabilisation Fund to support China's national currency in the past two years.

They doubt, therefore, whether even the halt of repayment of loans from the accumulated revenues of the Chinese Maritime Customs, at present held in the Yokohama Specie Bank will be sufficient to induce Britain to reverse her policy towards China.

How U-Boat Was Sunk

Effectiveness Of The "Asdic" Detector

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—In connection with the scuttling of the German freighter *Minia Horn*, naval eyewitnesses reveal that the German submarine was sunk when it ventured too near a convoy on January 30.

The U-boat had successfully torpedoed a neutral steamer (believed to have been the Greek ship *Keramia*) which is the only neutral ship to have been sunk while being convoyed. An escort vessel located the U-boat by means of the "Asdic" apparatus designed for submarine detection, and sank the German vessel with depth charges.

All but one of the German crew were saved.

German White Paper Mocked

American Press Adopts Sarcastic Tone

NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The American press is not very impressed by the German White Paper, which puts the responsibility for the war on the shoulders of the United States Government.

Indeed, the New York "Herald Tribune" makes fun of the "Herald Paper," which says that the cause of war, "believe it or not," seems to be as follows:

Nobody in Germany wanted war or dreamed of it. Hitler sought only peace. He occupied Austria in the name of peace, he invaded Poland only because there was no other way of preserving peace.

Hitlerian Dove Of Peace

While the Allies were satisfied to accept at their face value the truly pacific nature of Hitler's successive steps, the American diplomats put the idea into their heads that the German invasion of Poland and the bombing of Warsaw might be construed as acts of war.

The presumption is, sarcastically continues the "Herald Tribune," that had it not been for the Americans the Allies would have had nothing to do with it.

They would have accepted the German war on Poland as only "a flight of the Hitlerian dove of peace."

New Reason For White Paper

BERLIN, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The Nazis have now thought of a new reason for the issuing of the White Paper. It was intended to persuade the Russians that they are on the right side of the fence.

The document, says the "Berliner Borsen Zeitung" will give the men of the Kremlin an opportunity to see the machinations of their opponents and the correctness of their decision in making a non-aggression pact with Germany.

Crude Authorship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (UP).—The "New York Daily News" published photostatic excerpts from the White Book which were radioed from Berlin.

Two different translators agreed that the book is "written in such poor Polish that no statesman could have been guilty of its authorship."

No Examination

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (UP).—Senator Robert Reynolds formally introduced a resolution seeking an examination by the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee of the reports made by Mr. Sumner Welles and Ambassador William Bullitt, but his demands got a cold reception in both Houses.

Senator Tom Connally cautioned Senator Reynolds, saying "I am willing to rely on Mr. Hull and President Roosevelt to handle this delicate situation."

Senator Alben Barkley said: "I do not think we should give more credence to the White Book than to Mr. Hull and our diplomats."

Perhaps It Was Meant As A Joke

But London Newspaper Thunders Reproof

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Some kindly person in the United States has sent Sir Joshua Stamp, Chief Economic Adviser to the Government, a parcel of tinned sardines, cheese, chocolate, honey and butter.

Devoting its leading article to this to-day, the "Daily Telegraph" comments that it is appalling that some people should think that the people in Britain are suffering privations so severe that even the Chief Economic Adviser would welcome sardines, cheese or chocolates as though he was unaccustomed to these luxuries.

It is almost fantastic to imagine such credulity could exist outside of Germany, the paper continues. The "Daily Telegraph" says that at least one neutral country in Europe is less well off than Britain.

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NAZIS ALSO HAVE PLAN

Meeting The Allied Blockade Threat

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, April 2 (UP).—A possible German plan to counteract any future decrease in iron ore shipments from Narvik is seen in the announcement to-day that two German shipping companies are resuming trade in the Gulf of Bothnia and the Baltic.

Belligerent Powers

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—"If our territory is attacked we must repel the aggressors with all the forces at our command," declared M. Skold, the Minister of Defence, when speaking at Upsala to-day. He added that should anyone threaten their independence they would take up arms and defend themselves to the best of their ability.

Fate Always Uncertain

As long as great Powers were engaged in a struggle to the death, he said, Sweden's fate remained uncertain.

At any moment new and serious dangers might arise and they must always be ready.

Sweden was a small country, he said, and the means at their disposal did not permit them to indulge in threats. Consequently they must seek their independence in a policy of neutrality which was based upon the respect of Sweden's legal rights which treat belligerents in an impartial manner.

Nazi Terror In Poland

Prisoners Subjected To Torture

PARIS, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Further reports of alleged German methods of terror and extermination appear in the official Polish journal published in Paris.

It is stated that this terror attained its maximum intensity in the provinces "incorporated" into the German Reich.

The average daily killings taking place in Warsaw during March were estimated at from 10 to 15. People found in the streets of Warsaw later than 8 a.m. were shot.

Made To Lick Motor Cars

It is declared that torture is the order of the day in the prisons and it is alleged that Mayor Bydgoszcz was ordered to clean motor-cars belonging to the Gestapo by licking them. When he protested he was shot.

It is stated that the Nazis are especially implacable against religious orders and congregations and that Poles are not permitted to marry.

Wreck Of German Freighter Found

COPENHAGEN, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has issued a communique stating that the wreck of the Edmund, Hugo Sunnes, the German freighter which was sunk by a British submarine, is lying one and a half sea miles off the Danish coast; that is, within Danish territorial waters.

The communique adds that the Danish Minister in London has been instructed to make representations to the British Government.

More Graf Spee Internees

BUENOS AIRES, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Fifty more German sailors from the Graf Spee left Buenos Aires to-day for internment in the interior of Argentina.

Nazis New War Plane

Can Attack Any Part Of Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, April 2 (UP).—The German papers to-day for the first time mention a new Messerschmidt bombing plane—the "Jaguar".

The Air Force magazine, "Der Adler," revealed that the plane has two motors developing 3,000 h.p. and carries a crew of four and a number of both heavy and light machine-guns. "The plane has a flying range great enough to attack any point in Britain," the magazine declared.

The D.N.B. (Official German News Agency) report said the Jaguar has already undergone a successful test in bombing attacks over the North Sea.

More Taxation Indicated

Middle Classes Likely To Be Affected

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The London press is chiefly concerned with the new Budget which most of them feel will make further demands on classes earning from £5 to £12 a week.

If the Budget is to be raised properly by loans and taxes a very large sum will have to be raised from a certain stratum of people. The papers point out, and further taxation of these sections would not go very far towards meeting the bill. A man earning £30,000 a year now pays 17s. in the pound in taxes.

Can't Take From Very Poor

Not much more can be taken from the very poor classes. The war therefore cannot be paid for without further taxation of a large growing section earning from £5 to £12 a week.

The press feel that if every one could save 10 per cent of their food consumption it would be a great help in providing exchange and shipping space. It would therefore, be a most valuable addition to our fighting power.

Women And Children To Be Mobilised

Italy's New Decree

ROME, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—A Cabinet meeting under the presidency of Signor Mussolini has decided to revise the laws concerning the organisation and mobilisation of the nation in time of war so as to make public administrations, citizens exempt from military obligations, and women and children over 13 liable to mobilisation.

It has also decided that all iron gates except those of churches, gates having artistic or historic value and those belonging to the Holy See, diplomatic representatives and foreigners be demolished.

The material thus collected will be bought by the State at a price to be fixed by the Ministry of Corporations.

Newfoundlanders Join The Navy

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Another 175 Newfoundland fishermen have arrived in England to join the British Navy.

This is the fifth contingent to reach England. The others went to naval centres for training before being allotted to various duties in the Navy.

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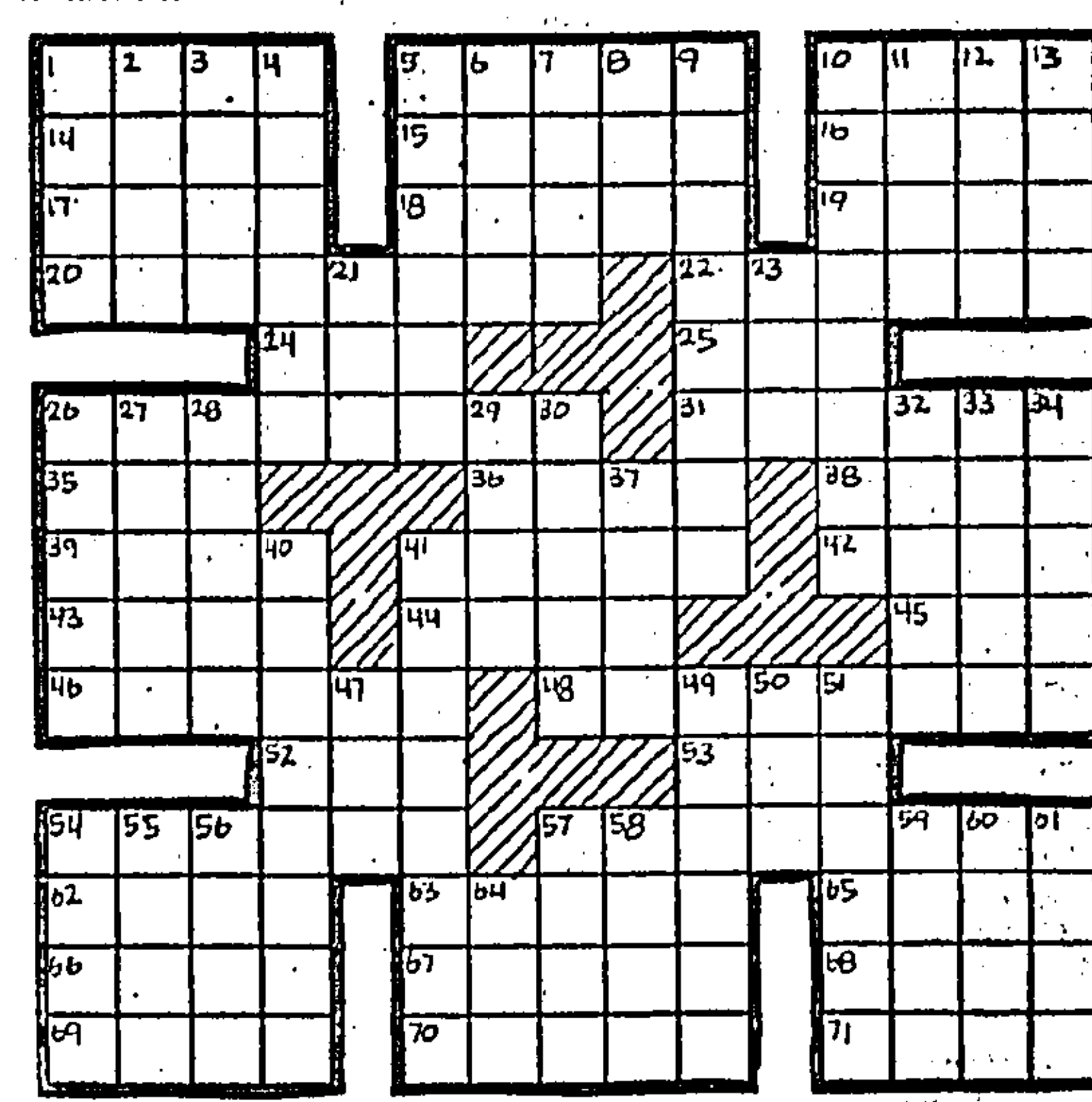
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Crossword Puzzle

By KARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Trunk of tree
2—Small hoofed mammal of Asia Minor
3—Small piece of ground
4—Kind of gem
5—Mass of lava poetry
6—Cur in Nevada
7—High table-land
8—More lockhouse
9—Standard quantity
10—Kissed couple
11—Interfere unasked
12—Riote
13—Locally consistent
14—Pertaining to fasting period
15—Mimic
16—English nobleman
17—Deal with war
18—Fruitful information on current events
19—Cause to move slowly
20—Auditory organs
21—Superficial extent
22—Fifteenth of March
23—Drunkard
24—Moderately warm
25—Plunder
26—Chant
27—Arise by artifice
28—0.220 feet

DOWN
1—Maculose
2—Derogatory
3—Regularly
4—Discretion
5—Grant for temporary use
6—Dye indigo
7—Dry (coll.)
8—Porcelain
9—Dredging
10—Artificial waterway
11—Musical drama
12—Dressed with edged tool
13—Require
14—Narrow
15—Importune persistently
16—Mistake
17—Bird house
18—In-emption
19—Belling forth ad typically
20—Assimilated
21—With maiden name
22—Wellings
23—Edge of object
24—Lyrical
25—Fervate
26—Reland
27—Debate
28—Short mast
29—Natural drift of events
30—In-emption
31—Natural glee
32—Cavities
33—Meal and vegetable dish
34—Girl's name



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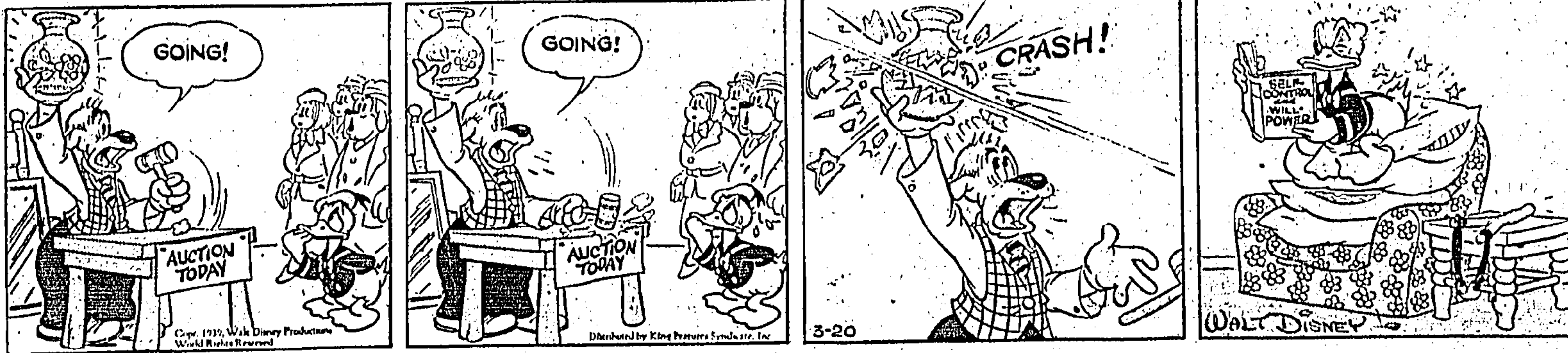
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 ther Report.

1.05 Tunes and Waltzes.
 1.20 Rawley and Landauer on Two
 Planes.
 1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press.
 Weather Forecast and Announce-
 ments.

1.45 Songs by Turner Layton at
 the Piano.—I Feel Like A Feather
 in the Breeze, Alone, and Hurt of
 Gold.

1.55 Bob Crosby and His Orches-
 tra in Dance Music.
 2.15 Close Down.

6.00 An Hour of Dance Music.
 7.00 Closing Local Stock Quota-
 tions.

7.05 Good Old Songs of the Good
 Old Days by The Big Four (Vocal
 Quartet) with Piano, The Guy Nine-
 ties Singers with Orchestra, The Old
 Timers with Orchestra and The
 Minstrel Singers with Piano Band.

7.30 London Relay.—The News.
 8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
 Report and Announcements.
 8.05 Songs by Ina Souez (So-
 prano)—Always, Love, I gave you
 my all, Love Everlasting, I Want
 Your Heart, with Orchestral accom-
 paniment.

8.15 London Relay.—"I am a Jew".
 A play produced by Howard Rose.
 9.15 London Relay.—News Sum-
 mary.

9.30 Talk on "The Empire at War"
 recorded by The Rt. Hon. Malcolm
 MacDonald.

9.45 Variety with George Formby,
 Elsie and Doris Waters and Others.—
 The Lancashire Toreador, The Win-
 dow Cleaner, George Formby and His
 Ukulele with Orchestra, Scenes from
 "Our Betters"—Getting A Wife, Get-
 ting A Motor, Constance Collier and
 Ronald Squire, Dancer, With Gert and
 Daisy, At the Court of Good Queen
 Bess, Elsie and Doris Waters with
 Orchestra, Sold—the Little Brown
 Hen, Trailing Around In A Trailer,
 George Formby and His Ukulele
 with Orchestra, Who'll Buy My
 Bubblichi?, Emery Deutsch and His
 Orchestra.

10.15 A Chopin Recital by Arthur
 Rubinstein.—Nocturne in B Flat
 Minor, Op. 9, No. 1; Andante
 Splanato, Op. 22; Polonaise-Fantaisie
 No. 7 in A Flat Major, Op. 61.

10.35 Schumann—Symphony No.
 4 in D Minor, Op. Op. 120.—London
 Symphony Orchestra conducted by
 Bruno Walter.

11.00 London Relay.—"Matters of
 Moment"—Talk by Minister of
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 11.15 Close Down.

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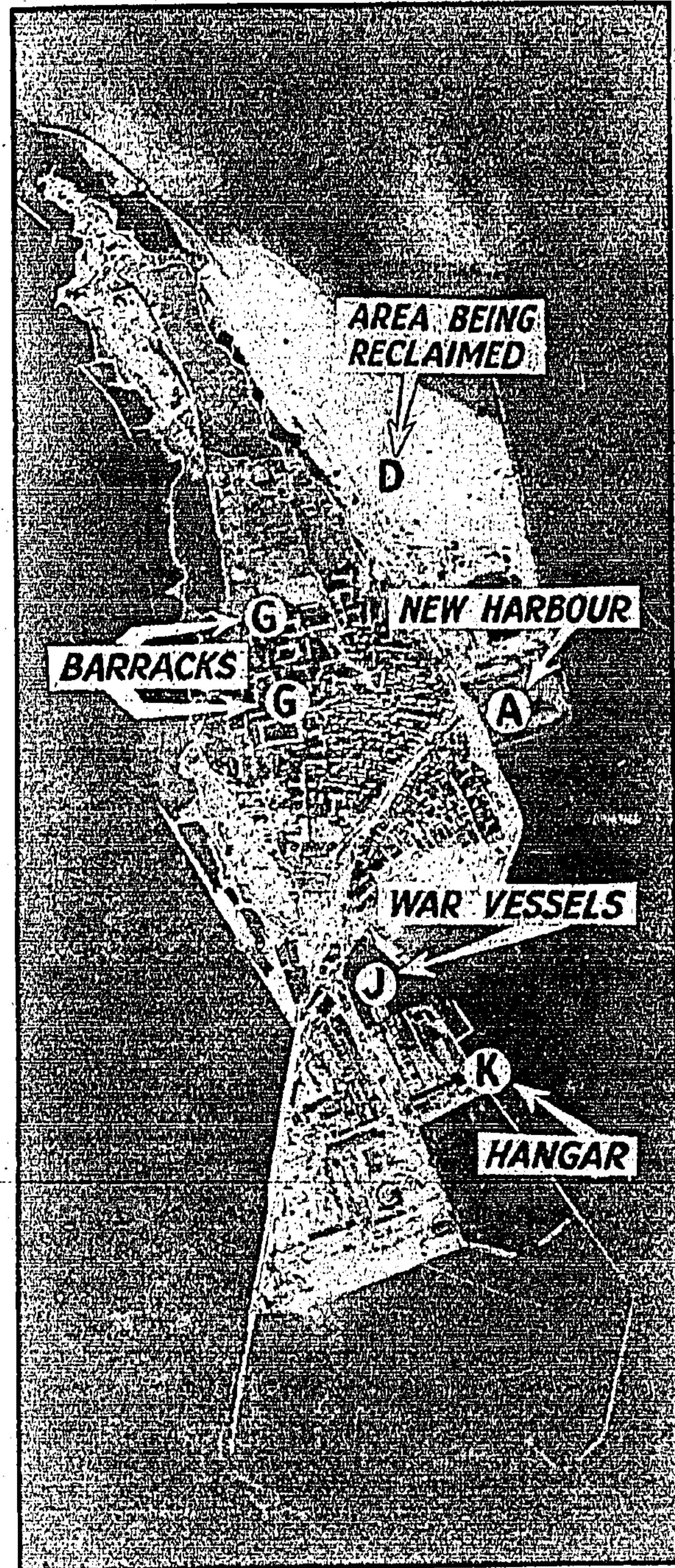
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Garbo steps out— she's in LOVE

NEW YORK.

SOMETHING has happened to Greta Garbo. She had
 a beauty treatment. She came out of a swank new Fifth-
 avenue salon with her pale cheeks delicately rouged, her lips
 wearing lipstick, which she always eschews except during
 the making of a picture.

And she has been going to
 night clubs. And she never says
 "I tank I go home."

Instead she watches New York's
 celebrities—Brenda Frazier, socialite
 glamour girl, included—with as much
 interest as they watch her.

The reason for this revolutionary
 change is that GARBO IS IN LOVE.

Her hero this time is Dr. Gayer-
 ford Hauser, Budapest physician, who
 has induced even her to take his
 carrot-eating prescription to increase
 beauty.

It was Dr. Hauser who suggested
 that she should go to the beauty
 shop. What bravery!

It was Dr. Hauser who took her
 to the night clubs.

Maybe it will be Dr. Hauser whom
 she will marry before she returns
 to Hollywood.

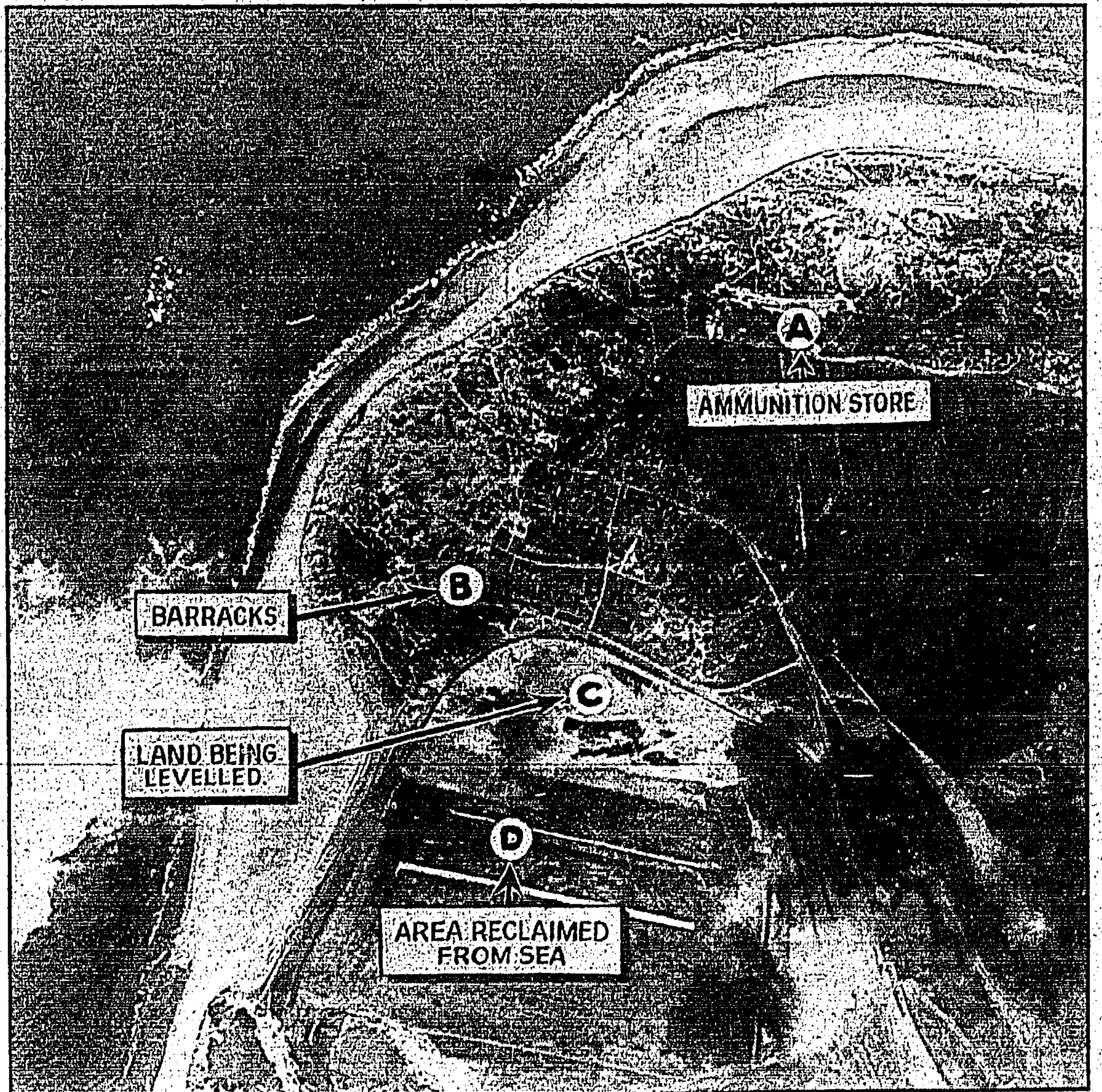
"Dr. Hauser, diet dictator of the
 Hollywood stars, inventor of "vitally
 cocktails" and "potassium broth," has
 known Garbo professionally for sev-
 eral years. Four years ago he ex-
 pressed bitter opinions about her,
 said she ate dumplings, had "large
 hips, fat calves, thick ankles." She
 objected to his order that she must
 take parsley juice for breakfast.
 And now Garbo has taken to eating
 carrots.

\$500,000 Heiress's Home Is Burned Out

Buxted Park, Uckfield, Sussex,
 home of Mr. Basil Ionides and his
 wife, the Hon. Mrs. Ionides, a daugh-
 ter of the first Lord Bearsted, was
 burned out. Guests helped to save
 furniture.

Mrs. Ionides inherited £500,000 of
 the £4,000,000 left by her father.

R.A.F. Mapping Cameras Keep Watch As NAZIS BUILD AERODROMES AT NEAREST POINT TO BRITAIN



R.A.F. PILOTS, gunners and photographers
 risked their lives for these pictures,
 which show you how the Nazis are rapidly com-
 pleting new air-bases as close to Britain as they
 can place them.

The island on the left is Heligoland. Note
 that great expanse of sand on the right. It was
 not there just before the war. It is now land

reclaimed from the sea-bed to make a flying field
 for warplanes.

Now look at the other picture. It shows
 Langeoog, in the Frisian Islands, the nearest
 German territory to Britain. Here, too, a great
 area of land has been reclaimed from the sea
 and levelled from the sand dunes to make a
 war aerodrome.

SCHOOL TIE, NO SCHOOL

THE only Old School associa-
 tion without a school is being
 formed in London by sixty-eight-
 year-old Mr. Randolph Kilbee-
 Stuart, of Charterhouse, Charter-
 house-square, E.C.

Few of the members-to-be
 are under seventy. They are
 Old Dolphins, ex-schoolers of
 Godolphin Boys' School, which
 closed its doors nearly fifty years
 ago.

Recently Mr. Kilbee-Stuart
 published a request that any
 Old Dolphins should get in touch
 with him. He said: "To my
 astonishment I have already had
 thirty-two replies. I had no idea
 there were that number left
 alive.

"The oldest Old Boy who
 writes is eighty. My idea is
 that we should have a dinner
 together before we all die off."
 No, the Old Dolphins will not
 have an Old School Tie.

Salvationists Want To Join Jazz Turn

SONGSTER-LEADER OLIVER COOKE, of the
 Salvation Army, has nursed a grievance for 50 years.

All the time he has been in the
 Army, first as saxophonist in the
 band and later as official hymn-
 writer, he has objected to the rule
 that Salvationists must not attend
 public amusements.

"Frankly," he said, sitting in his
 Catterford home beside the organ on
 which many of the thousand hymns
 he has composed have been played,
 "I have always followed my own
 conscience in this matter—which
 means that I have always gone to
 whatever I wanted to see."

"But for my arthritis, I should have
 gone to Birmingham this coming
 Thursday to appear on the stage of
 the Birmingham Hippodrome and
 introduce my song, "You Can't Ration
 Sunshine," which Henry Hall will
 broadcast."

Out of Range

If Mr. Cooke were an active mem-
 ber of the Army he would be sus-
 pended for doing this, but he retired
 two years ago.

SEAMAN'S FRAUD

A Naval Court Martial was held
 on board one of H. M. ships in Hong-
 kong on April 1 for the trial of
 Leading-Seaman Norman Gordon on
 charges of fraudulent conversion.
 Gordon was found guilty and was
 sentenced to degrading to Able Seaman
 and 28 days' detention.

Egypt Anxious About Future

Nationalists Ask For
 Assurances

CAIRO, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—After a
 two-day meeting of the Wafd
 (Egyptian Nationalist) Party, Nahas
 Pasha, the Party leader, has handed
 a manifesto to Sir Miles Lampson, the
 British Ambassador, emphasising the
 unanimity with which Egypt has ex-
 tended the hand of friendship to
 Britain, and her eagerness to offer
 all possible help to avoid any
 possibility of Egypt being stabbed in
 the back.

At the same time, however, the
 manifesto asked for tangible proof of
 Britain's willingness to respect
 Egypt's interests once the war is suc-
 cessfully concluded.

Berlin Reaction


BERLIN, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Polit-
 ical circles regard Mr. Chamberlain's
 speech as showing that the Western
 Powers will "regard the rights of
 neutrals as non-existent if this suits
 their aims."

Sudan Rights

The manifesto also asks that Brit-
 ain and Egypt shall enter into ne-
 gotiations for recognition of Egypt's
 rights regarding the Sudan.

Sir Miles Lampson forwarded the
 manifesto to London to-day.
 Nahas Pasha reiterated Egypt's
 desire to co-operate in all spheres
 with Britain in the present conflict.

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125 Days Of War

WE look back to-day upon 125 days of war. They have given us grim proofs that the Crusade to which the Empire is pledged will be a conflict demanding all its tenacity and energy. But thus far the war, as the Prime Minister has remarked, has been "of a different kind from what we expected." Lightning strokes have been for three-quarters of a century the master principle of German strategy. Having launched its lightning on Poland, Hitlerism showed no capacity to find a swift decision in the West. Experts had anticipated, and Hitler and his lieutenants had threatened, great air attacks on Britain and France. Not one has been attempted. German aircraft have come rarely, sparsely and with results discouraging to their comrades. Our machines have been proved the better, our bombers frequently driving off and sometimes shooting down German fighters, our own fighters winning even greater success than was estimated. It is certain that as the weeks and months go by the Air Forces of the Allies, already able to deal deadly blows, will develop a strength much greater than that of Germany. On land also the course of events has justified the Greek historian's dictum that "least of all things war goes according to fixed principles." After Poland had been overrun, the mechanised columns and swarms of aircraft which effected that brutal rapine were sent across to confront the Maginot Line. They remain confronting it and impotent.

It was not thus that German generals waged war when they had faith in their power to win. We all remember how a successful blow against Russia in the last war was prelude to mass offensives on the Western Front. During the weeks of Poland's gallant resistance the French completed their great concentration on the frontier and a British Expeditionary Force of 138,000 joined them. Its journey overseas unassailed by the German Navy or Air Force. Since then thousands more British troops have crossed the Channel every week. It is now a fortress war on the Western Front—a war of endurance—and such wars, as history has recorded again and again, Britain and her Allies win. Into the struggle at sea Germany has put her main effort and her most ruthless brutality. There is no optimism in the conclusion that the campaign of submarine and mine has been baffled, and air attack on merchant shipping has not proved the menace that some quarters anticipated.

Sea power has given Britain the throttling power of blockade. That has been exerted far more drastically than in 1914. All the essential goods for which Germany has to rely on ocean-borne supplies are now denied her. No bullying of neutrals, north or south, no further humiliations before Russia, can remedy that. Our blockade is now rapidly destroying Germany's power to export overseas and so draining her dry of foreign credit. But it is clear that we shall have to put forth still greater efforts. Our forces by air and sea and land must be developed, and that requires intensive organiza-

- The most significant statement in this article last month was made by Signor Muti, new Secretary of the Fascist Party—"Italy may at any moment find herself under the necessity of taking up arms."
- The famous Signor Gayda, who voices the opinion of authoritative Italy, explains where his country stands to-day.

SIX months have elapsed since the outbreak of the war, and many people are asking, "What does Italy think?"

The thought and attitude of Italy are considered important, in fact, decisive, because she is the greatest European nation who to-day is not participating in the war and because her known policy, openly declared by Mussolini, has not put her definitely outside the war.

Italy, first of all, has found that the new war promises to be very long, uncertain, terribly costly and exhausting. It appears, therefore, to more than one Italian to be a useless war. All forecasts regarding the war have been denied by facts.

The explosion of mass implacable and destructive air aggression which was expected has not materialised. Neither party wish to be the first to begin it—to avoid reprisals. The very dreadfulness of air war has, in fact, prevented its outbreak.

Both sides have hesitated to start a war of movement and resolute assault in the Napoleonic and even the Prussian tradition.

It is not the presence of the two opposing lines of defence, the Maginot and Siegfried Lines, formidable as they are, which has discouraged this initiative. It is rather a different calculation as to the method of war to be desired.

Allies' Plan

At the end of the 18-day war on Poland, Germany declared that she did not wish to undertake the responsibility of a war in the West, of which she did not feel the necessity.

Great Britain and France, on the other hand, calculate on the necessity of saving men, who are less abundant than money in their countries.

They therefore, intend to conduct the war more on an economic, political, and social basis than on a military basis.

The two democracies, in substance, expect victory by the implacable and static siege of the whole of Germany, who, by internal consumption of resources not compensated by new supplies, would gradually exhaust her powers of resistance without undertaking any great battles.

But it is these very prospects that make the war more than ever uncertain and stru-

THE Western democracies must calculate actually on Germany's capacity to resist for a very long time.

Statistics are not sufficient to explain the phenomena of resistance in war. They have already been found lacking in the fatal war of sanctions against Italy.

In the present case, Germany must be considered as supplied not only with a resolute spirit of resistance, but also with most abundant material means.

During recent years she has accumulated vast stocks of raw materials, iron, copper, rubber, and cotton. Her economic independence, on the other hand, ensures her new possibilities of autonomous productions and supplies.

Plenty Of Cash

Germany has also at her disposal abundant cash reserves, consisting of—

First, considerable gold and appropriated currencies accumulated during the mark crisis, when, profiting by the speculation in almost every country in the world, she changed her own worthless paper for gold and gold-backed money.

Second power has given Britain the throttling power of blockade. That has been exerted far more drastically than in 1914. All the essential goods for which Germany has to rely on ocean-borne supplies are now denied her. No bullying of neutrals, north or south, no further humiliations before Russia, can remedy that. Our blockade is now rapidly destroying Germany's power to export overseas and so draining her dry of foreign credit. But it is clear that we shall have to put forth still greater efforts. Our forces by air and sea and land must be developed, and that requires intensive organiza-

WHAT ITALY PLANS

By **Signor Gayda**



"The present position (in the Mediterranean) does not coincide with a just European order."

Secondly, by many commercial credits in dollars made by the United States.

Thirdly, by a favourable trade balance over a long spell of years; and,

Fourthly, by the occupation of Austria and Czechoslovakia and the consequent transfer to the Reichsbank of their abundant bank reserves.

In addition, this static and blank method of war allows Germany to save war material and to intensify her production of munitions.

THERE is no doubt that in the long-run Germany's powers of resistance may be worn out.

This method of war, however, may eventually also cause serious, even irreparable, damage to the Allies, not only economically and financially but also in regard to their imperial interests. The more scattered and greater these interests, the more vulnerable they are.

In these conditions, the war shows itself, from my Italian point of view, as being both uncertain in its outcome and above all anti-European.

For this latter reason Mussolini tried as hard as he could to prevent the war and later to stop it.

Among their reasons for being so certain of victory, France and Britain brag about the superiority of their economic and financial means and their maritime and political dominion throughout the world.

This is naturally a theme which must be linked with the problem of that "Better Europe" which echoes so frequently in speeches in the belligerent countries.

It is evident that, so long as there exist in the world a few countries so powerful as to give them almost automatically an assured victory before even a war is fought, there cannot be in Europe a healthy balance of power nor, therefore, a real guarantee of peace.

The Versailles system has increased instead of diminished the disparity of resources between European nations, out of proportion to their quality and their human and civil rights.

From the inevitable crisis of this system arose first the European political crisis lasting 20 years and subsequently the new war.

In the new "Better Europe," which is to be one of the bright outcomes of peace, equilibrium must be established.

Another boast of the power of the two democracies frequently echoes through the British and French Press: that England is in a position to close the Mediterranean at her discretion because she has in her hands the control of its entrance and exit.

Do they wish to remind Italy of her position as a potential prisoner in the Mediterranean?

The dissertations of the French and British Press on the possible closing of the Mediterranean warns us in time that the present position does not coincide with that just European order, which should infer the freedom and parity of positions for all nations.

ITALY'S conception of a better Europe is very simple.

Italy does not seek in Europe or the world any particular privilege for herself. She is against all systems which give obvious or hidden supremacy to one nation or nations.

She has still some vital problems to be settled, problems which were aggravated instead of solved by the Versailles system.

The solution of these problems, according to evident Italian needs, cannot be further delayed. It is now necessary that all the great European Powers understand this clearly.

It is necessary that they shall recognise and accept these particular Italian needs and rights, which are summarised in two phrases: Free and fertile space for expansion of the Italian population, which asks only the right to work and produce in peace on Italian territory; freedom of life and movement of the Italian nation, which is entitled to claim the elimination of every system of foreign control.

But Italy maintains that her needs can find their solution in a more balanced, sane and just Europe than that which came out of the Versailles workshop.

How will this Europe be formed? With what power of war or peace? It is still difficult to foresee.

CERTAINLY ITALY DOES NOT INTEND TO BE ABSENT

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FROM ITS FORMATION. TO THIS END ITALY FOLLOWS THE NEW EUROPEAN CON-

FLICT AND THE COURSE OF EVENTS NOT AS A NEUTRAL POWER BUT MERELY AS A POWER NOT TO-DAY DIRECTLY INTERESTED. BUT READY FOR ANY EVENTUALITY OF PEACE OR WAR.

Italy would like to hope that to reach the new European order the extension of the war would not be necessary.

Her policy hitherto has been to limit the conflict, and, in fact, she has been able to succeed, notwithstanding the threatening clouds which first appeared in the Balkans and the Mediterranean.

But only the course of events and the development of political and military plans of the belligerents will show whether the war can be confined to its present sphere.

SOVIET Russia's advance into Danubian Europe and her pressure on Balkan Europe bring, in the meantime, new problems.

Does a Communist menace, such as many foreign newspapers would like to make out, really exist in South-East Europe?

Italy cannot be indifferent to this contingency. In fact, Italy's interests are permanent and vital, as she borders on Danubian Europe and has to-day become the greatest Balkan Power of Europe.

Italy is not prompted by any aggressive plans against Soviet Russia, and for this her attitude is different from that of other Great Powers.

Italy intends only to prevent the expansion of Communism and its consequent threat to civilisation, order, and sanity in Europe.

Italy's policy in regard to Communism is in substance an integral part of her policy of a sane and Civil European order.

Soviet Russia may remain tranquil inside her own borders, and Italy will have no objection.

But if Communism should attempt to advance towards zones of vital interests to Europe and Italy, Fascism will know how to reply.

Lever Against Roosevelt

Purpose Of Nazi White Book Revealed

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The "Zürcher" Berlin correspondent says that high hopes are held in Berlin that the White Book will arouse a strong reaction in America and strengthen the hand of those who recommend strict non-interference and neutrality.

Hardly any attempt is made to conceal the fact that it is intended to provide American opposition with a weapon for use against the President.

Hopes Destroyed

"Basler" Berlin correspondent says: "In diplomatic circles, M. Molotov's attitude is regarded as destructive of all the hopes which were thrust into the foreground after the Brenner meeting."

In Rome, the "Osservatore," in an editorial, describes M. Molotov's speech as disquieting for all neutral countries. Scandinavian states are warned once again not to conclude any agreement. Even defensive agreements are unwelcome to the aggressors.

M. Molotov emphasised that the volume of trade between Germany and Russia was inferior to that between Rumania and Germany. He also endeavoured to acquit Bolshevism of being an instrument in the hands of Germany. The Soviet Union "will follow its own policy whether it pleases these gentlemen or not."

This warning is not directed only against the English and the French. These words are not likely to reinforce Berlin-Moscow solidarity.

Grave Words

The words of Stalin's loud-speaker have a particular gravity at a moment when an attempt is being made to show Russia as a country guaranteeing Balkan peace. The insistence on the Bessarabian question and the Butenko case seemed to be intended to stimulate discord. If Moscow intended to reveal to the world its well-known determination to intrigue in the Balkans it could not choose more specious motives. Poland and the Baltic states have already shown the value of non-aggression pacts signed by Soviet Russia.

M. Molotov's allusions to Turkey are lay. That the speech contains no trace of intention to renew Turkish-Soviet negotiations means that Moscow has lost all hope of unhooking Turkey from the Anglo-French-Turkish mutual assistance pact.

Soviet "Neutrality"

M. Molotov accuses the Allies of organising Finland as a springboard for aggression against Russia, whereas in fact the Anglo-French-Soviet negotiations failed for the very reason that the Allies did not hand the Soviet demands for a free hand in the Baltic and the Scandinavian states. While the Allies are accused of endeavouring to find pretexts for enlarging the conflict, the Soviet intends to remain "neutral." But Europe has had several examples of Soviet "neutrality" since last September.

The "Göteborgs Posten" says: "England's circumspection in handling Russia shows a respect of Russia's military power. M. Molotov was nasty towards the Allies and very respectful to Germany, but blinds him to neither. While the Allies had Germany to fight, the Soviet pockets a bit here and there at a cheap price."

"However much she smarts, Germany must keep a cheerful face to the malicious game. England has long been a master at turning the blind eye."

Mistrust Increased

The "Dagens Nyheter" referring to the possibility of naval warfare in Scandinavian waters, says: "Officially directed utterances in the German Press have in all their frenzy not clearly stated what consequences might be and which will undoubtedly follow if the Allied threat is carried out. It is natural reaction that regarding countries like Sweden and Norway should lack the understanding for sudden feelings about absolute respect for international law and neutrality on the part of the German Press chorus."

The Stockholm "Tidningen" with reference to M. Molotov's speech, considers that the rumours of a possible West Powers-Soviet rapprochement are certainly premature. "Molotov's speech increases the mistrust against the Soviet Union from every side. Churchill strengthens the impression that the Western Powers are now completely determined to take energetic action."

14 LEAVE H.K. BY CLIPPER

The Pan American Philippines Clipper left Kai Tak this morning on her return journey with 14 passengers, 12 of whom were going to Manila.

Passengers for Honolulu were Mr. Alfred Gempeler, executive of D.N. E. Walter Co., San Francisco, who is returning to Honolulu after an extensive trip to the Orient; and Mr. Henry Lamond, manager of Henry Lamond and Company, Honolulu, who has just made his annual inspection tour of the Philippines, China and Japan.

For Manila were Mr. Jack E. Horton, representative of the R.A. Victor, and Mrs. Horton; Mr. Lucian Roeko, of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, and Mrs. Roeko; Messrs. Marcello Nubla, Roman Mabanta, Gurinamal Thawerdas, Yang Shizung, Ng Foo, Mrs. Yan Go, Master Khan Chua and Miss Eng Chua.

Terriers In Maginot Line

First War Trophy Is Nazi Gramophone

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The first battalion of Territorials to be in direct contact with the Germans in the Northamptonshire Regiment which is already holding outpost positions in front of the Maginot Line.

The Territorials are amateur civilian soldiers of peace time who now are part of the regular army. They have had their full share of patrol work and although they have had no engagements with the enemy they had penetrated deep into Normandy's land.

The First Prize

Their first prize was a German gramophone which is being sent to the Regiment's headquarters in England.

The gramophone was found during a patrol. It was found in a cottage which had been used by the Germans. With it were 22 records and a radio set.

The patrol took the gramophone records but when they went back the next night they found the Germans had been there before them and the radio set had disappeared.

JOHN L. LEWIS TAKES OVER

NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Mr. John L. Lewis, the Labour Leader, has arrived to take charge of negotiations to prevent the underground railway strike.

Mr. Lewis declared that he had settled the whole controversy last Wednesday at a conference with Mayor La Guardia, but the settlement had since been nullified by Mr. John L. Delaney, Chairman of the Transport Board.

Promises, No Strike

NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Mr. John L. Lewis announces that the labour situation on the New York underground railways and other transit lines is satisfactorily settled and that the strike will not eventuate.

Last Minute Negotiations

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—NEW YORK, April 2 (UP).—Five million inhabitants of New York are threatened by the great railway strike, which may paralyse communication on New York's subway and elevated railway systems. Twenty-seven thousand railway workers are affected by the strike decision.

Mayor La Guardia and Mr. John Lewis, the Labour Union Chief, conferred to-day in an attempt to achieve a last-minute settlement. The city will be placed under a virtual police dictatorship at 8 a.m. on Wednesday.

R.E.O.C.A. DANCE

At an extraordinary general meeting held in the Scandinavian hall, Captain A. C. Lumb R.E. in the chair, Captain A. C. Lumb R.E. and S. M. W. Lock R.E. were unanimously elected to fill the vacancies of Chairman and Secretary respectively of the R.E.O.C.A.

The next dance will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday, April 6 from 8.30 p.m. till 1 a.m. The music will be provided by the dance band of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots. (By kind permission of Lt. Col. D. J. McDougall M.C. and Officers).

In addition to Spot and Novelty dances, there will be cabaret items given by David Kossick, Ernest Perry, Ernie Fowler and Dick Labrum.

Admission (the right of which is strictly reserved by the Committee) is Ladies \$1.50; Gents \$2. (Members under the rank of Sergeant \$1.50). Tickets can be reserved at the hotel, Tel. 50081 or from the Secretary, Tel. 34121, Ext. 243.

The dance booked for April 20 is unavoidably postponed to a later date.

SWITZERLAND'S PRECAUTIONS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ZURICH, Apr. 2 (UP).—Switzerland, which is already paying more per capita for mobilisation than any other neutral country, announced additional precautions to-day, in view of possible operations by belligerent Powers during the imminent spring weather.

Eight thousand members of Swiss motorised units have been called up as a precautionary measure.

FINE WAR WORK BY CATHOLICS

CHUNGKING, Apr. 2 (UP).—Responsible Catholic missionaries in Chungking revealed that since the war began the Catholic churches have cared for 782,700 refugees.

Catholic hospitals have given 10,324,000 free treatments to refugees and poor people.

It is said that the Catholic hospitals doing medical work numbered 207 in 1937, 247 in 1938 and 143 in 1939 and 1040.

RUMANIA NOT TO DEMOBILISE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Apr. 2 (UP).—In view of the international situation, Rumania has decided that she cannot take the risk of demobilising any of her Army.

Special efforts will be made, however, to release certain men for agricultural work.

WHAT RUSSIA HAS GAINED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told a questioner that approximately 41,900 square kilometres of land and lakes have been ceded to Russia by Finland.

Band Concert At Hotel

Kowloon Attraction For April 21

The Management of the Peninsula Hotel announced that on Sunday, April 21, a Military Band Concert will take place in the Lounge of the hotel from 9 to 11 p.m.

By kind permission of Major H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., and Officers of the Band of the 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) are providing the musical arrangements under the conductorship of Mr. W. E. Kilford, A.R.C.M., Bandmaster. Included in the evening's entertainment will be numbers by outstanding local vocalists, and the entire programme should prove worthy of the purpose, namely in aid of The British War Organisation Fund.

To augment the funds for the occasion an advertisement-supported programme is being compiled which will be on sale to the audience, and an admission charge of \$1.00 per person will be made.

Many are the music lovers in this Colony who would no doubt welcome a concert of this calibre, and it is hoped that so worthy a cause will receive the cordial support which it merits.

TOURS MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

French Journalist In London

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—M. Frossard, a French journalist who is the Minister of Information, is now visiting Britain. He said yesterday that he was very much impressed by his tour of the Ministry of Information.

His tour included a visit to underground shelters where work can be carried on even while London is being raided by air.

He had a long talk with Sir John Reith, the British Minister of Information.

Sir John later announced that a British official will be sent to Paris to act as a direct contact between the two Ministries.

Both Sir John and M. Frossard will meet at regular intervals in London and Paris.

Important Decisions

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Important decisions regarding Allied publicity were reached to-day when Sir John Reith, British Minister of Information, and M. Frossard, French Minister of Information, met in London with members of their staffs.

Practical means of organising the collaboration of the two Ministries were decided upon in every domain.

Sir John announced that an officer was being appointed to co-ordinate the activities of the British Ministry of Information in Paris and to act as a close and constant channel of information between the two Ministries.

This officer will perform similar duties to those done by the representative of the French Ministry of Information who is working in London.

Further meetings will be held alternately in London and Paris.

Counting Britain's War Workers

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—A census of British workers in armaments and industries began yesterday to enable the Government to learn of the allocation of man power for an intensified war drive.

The figures will not be made public since they will indicate the extent of Britain's war effort and may prove of value to the enemy.

Death Of U.S. Army General

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PORTLAND, Apr. 2 (UP).—The death is announced of Major-General Creed Hammond, former Chief of the Military Bureau and Comptroller General in the Philippine Islands.

The late Major General was born in Eugene, Oregon on October 9, 1874.

In addition to being a military officer, he had considerable experience in banking and mercantile business. He first went to the Philippines in 1920.

RECRUITING FOR THE R.A.S.C.

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The War Office announces that recruiting has opened from to-day for men between 18 and 47 for the Royal Army Service Corps.

Enlistment will be for general service, but the men will probably be employed in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

Only clerks, typists, shorthand writers and motor drivers are required.

EXTENSION OF THE ALLIED BLOCKADE

FROM PAGE ONE

Poland—and to stand together in the reconstruction of Europe.

Appeal To Neutrals

Following Mr. Chamberlain's statement Mr. Clement Attlee, Labour Leader, appealed to the neutral Powers to recognise that Britain must make economic warfare effective, for which purpose they must stop the leaks in the blockade.

"We wish to see no extension of the war—but we want to bring it to an end as soon as possible," he said.

"We can do that by getting all neutral nations to understand that the war concerns them, because we are fighting for their lives as well as our own."

Mr. Attlee said he was convinced that the overwhelming opinion of all democracies was on Britain's side.

"They know perfectly well we are fighting the battle, and they know quite well there will be no more international law if we don't win. It will only be the law of the jungle enforced by the Nazis," he asserted.

He emphasised the necessity for closest collaboration with France both during and after the war.

"Our task is not merely to win the war but also to win peace," he declared and urged a more vigorous policy in both the diplomatic and economic fields.

Collaboration To Continue

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Mr. Clement Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition, said Sir Percy Harris (who spoke in the absence of Sir Archibald Sinclair, Leader of the Liberal Opposition), in the House of Commons to-day associated themselves with the tributes to Sir John Gilmour (Minister of Shipping who died a couple of days ago) and Mr. J. Savage (late Prime Minister of New Zealand).

Mr. Attlee said that he was glad to note that Anglo-French collaboration was not to stop at the end of the war. Much of the troubles from which they were suffering to-day arose from misunderstandings between Britain and France after the victory gained in the last war.

Their task was not merely to win the war. It was to win the peace.

Referring to neutrals, Mr. Attlee said that he was quite convinced that overwhelmingly the opinion of all democracies was on the side of the Allies. "They know perfectly well that we are fighting their battle and they know quite well that there will be no more international law if we do not win. We have got to preserve international law above all by defeating the aggressors."

Mr. Attlee wanted to see a rigorous policy carried out both in the economic and diplomatic fields. "We wish to see no extension of the war, but we want to bring it to an end as soon as possible. We can do that by getting all neutral nations to understand that the war concerns them because we are fighting for their lives as well as our own."

French Comment

PARIS, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—"We have always been confident that the Allies will win the war. Now we are confident that they will win the peace."

This was one comment on Mr. Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons in Paris to-day.

The Allies' determination to wage the war in all aspects, coupled with the plain hint to neutrals, is felt to give a clear line to the more active Anglo-French policy will take.

Netherlands Trepidation

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Mr. Chamberlain's speech was read with some trepidation in political circles which still feel that Britain falls fully to appreciate the neutrals' position.

It is declared that giving a guarantee to Britain to limit trade with Germany would be an unneutral act and bound to expose Holland to retaliatory action by Germany.

Moderate Speech

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Comment on Mr. Chamberlain's speech is scanty, but the speech is felt in some political circles to have been much more moderate than might have been expected after the talks abroad about Scandinavian neutrality.

At the same time, Britain's exact intentions are left obscure.

The lack of any specific reference to Swedish exports of iron ore to Germany is noted.

One comment, referring to Britain's maritime agreements with neutrals, was that "both parties would do well to keep and profit by them."

Oslo Satisfied

OSLO, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Considerable satisfaction is expressed in political circles at the tone of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech.

One political commentator told "The Times": "We never really expected that Britain intended to violate Norwegian territorial waters by intercepting German ships, and we are glad to note that the speech appears to be reassuring on that point."

British Press Comment

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Press is unanimous in the course of editorials on Mr. Chamberlain's speech, in emphasising that neutrals know that their only hope of survival as nations lies in the overthrow of the Nazi Reich, and in pointing out that international or economic warfare is essential to this end.

The "Times" says that regard for the decencies of international conduct cannot deter the Allies from the prosecution of economic warfare to the very utmost of their power.

The "Manchester Guardian" states that economic warfare is not only an offensive against the Nazi Reich but a defence of the neutrals from demands.

The "Manchester Guardian" writes that our new stringency of the blockade may force Germany to try and break the cordon.

U.S. Embargo To Stand

Russia's Overtures Believed Rejected

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—During an hour's conference with Mr. Cordell Hull it is believed that the Soviet Ambassador, M. Oumansky, tried to shake his determination to retain "a moral embargo" against the shipment of aircraft and aircraft material to Russia.

The meeting was requested by M. Oumansky.

It is not confirmed that they discussed the embargo, but Mr. Cordell Hull afterwards stated that the embargo was still effective against any country in the world that incurred its penalties.

Asked specifically whether the cessation of the Russo-Finnish hostilities meant a cessation of the embargo, Mr. Cordell Hull said that there was nothing new to be said on the subject.

An official interpreted this statement as meaning that the embargo is still in force.

Mr. Hull's Statement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—WASHINGTON, April 2 (UP).—The United States intends to maintain the "moral embargo" against the shipment of warplanes to Soviet Russia, despite termination of Russo-Finnish hostilities.

This statement was made by Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, to-day.

The statement was issued after the Soviet Counsellor, Mr. Constantine Oumansky, had conferred with the Secretary of State. It was the first review between a Russian and American diplomat in three months.

Simultaneously, President Roosevelt has revealed that the Soviet Government completely ignored his appeal of March 13 against air bombing of civilians in Finland. Not even a formal reply to the U.S. Note was received.

New Chairman Of China Society

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Dr. Percival W. Yetts, Professor of Chinese Art and Archaeology at London University since 1932, has been elected Chairman of the China Society in succession to Sir Denison Ross.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$.....1,400 sa.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £93 1/2 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £. 03 n.
Chartered \$.....124 n.
Mercantile \$.....31 n.
East Asia \$.....12 1/2 n.

INSURANCES

Canton \$.....230 s.
Union \$.....510 sa.
China Underwriters \$.....85 cts. n.
H. K. Fire \$.....185 s. & sa.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$.....150 n.
Steamboats \$.....10 1/2 n.
Indo-Chinas \$.....100 n.
Indo-Chinas D.S. \$.....80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/- 70 1/2 n.
Waterboats \$.....7 1/2 n.

DOCK ETC.

Wharves \$.....x.d. 100 1/2 n.
Docks \$ (c. rts.)22 s.
Docks \$ (x. rts.)10 1/2 n.
Docks \$ (rts.)6 1/2 n.
Providents (x.d.)4 1/2 b. & sa.
Sh. Docks Sh. \$.....37 1/2 n.

MINING

Kailan s/-10/- n.
Rauha s/-9.05 n.
Venz. Gold \$.....4 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....4 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotels \$.....5.10 b.
Lands \$.....37 sa.
Lands 4% Debentures100 n.
Sui Lands Sh. \$.....14.30 n.
Humphreys \$.....8 n.
H.K. Realities \$.....x.d. 4.55 n.
Chinese Estates \$.....103 n.

UTILITIES

Trams \$.....17 1/2 sa.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....8 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....4 n.
Star Ferries \$.....60 n.
Y. Ferries \$.....26 n.
China Lights (old) \$.....6.20 s.
China Lights (new) \$.....5.35 n.
H.K. Electric \$.....65 1/2 b. & sa.
Macao Electric \$.....22 n.
Sandakan Lights \$.....11 1/2 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....30 s.
Telephones (new) \$.....20 s.
Tractions s/-23/- n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Macg. (Ord.), Sh. \$.....14.00 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$.....12 n.
Canton Tees \$.....1 n.
Comments \$.....10 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes \$.....5.40 b.

STORES & COTTON MILLS

Dairy Farms \$.....21 1/4 n.
Watsons \$.....9.15 b. & sa.
Lane, Crawford \$.....7 1/2 n.
Sinceres \$.....2 b.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....44 b.
Powell, Cot. \$.....1 n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments \$.....6.80 b.
Constructions (old) \$.....1 1/2 n.
Constructions (new) \$.....1 n.
Vibro Piling \$.....8 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 192551 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan102 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 % Loan95 1/2 n.
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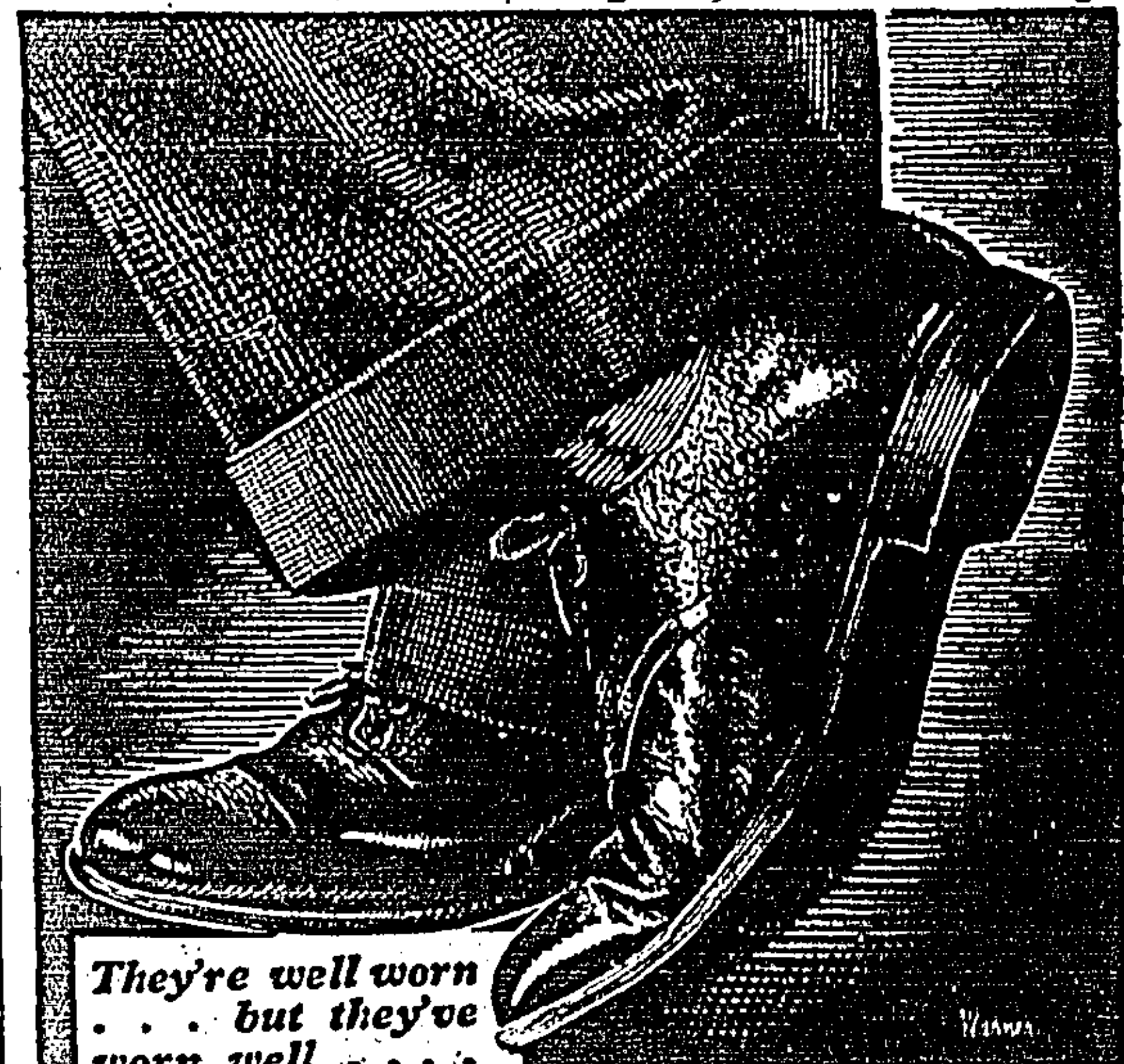
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SELECTING SIDE TO PLAY THE CHAMPIONS

Close Sunday Game Between Kowloon C.C. And Civil Servants

THE END OF THE PRESENT season look as though it is going to be literally a wash out. The Army, last Saturday, still hoped at 11.30 a.m., as they play on matting, but the heavens opened just before one o'clock and that was that. Sunday was a delightful day. We were very thankful for it, but a few delightful Saturdays would not come amiss. Let us hope for a couple of decent ones to wind up with.

At present I have no information whether the League matches outstanding will be played or abandoned. But there is a game mooted which I should much like to see played and that is between the League winners and the rest of the League.

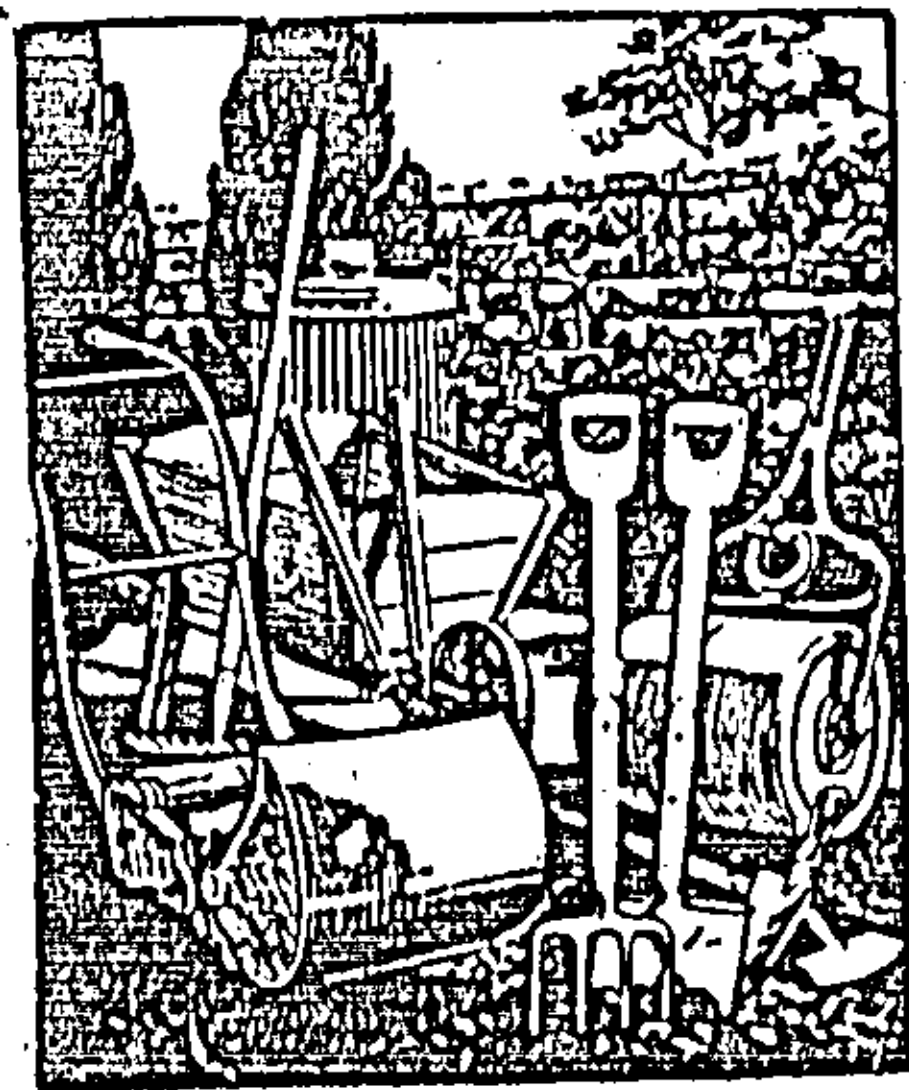
Incidentally, this shuts out the Hongkong Club players, if one interprets it strictly. Doing this, a team from the League teams could be made quite a good one. It has been the custom in the past, if my memory serves me, to select a side representing all the other Clubs without keeping the idea of selections the strongest side possible.

Working on these old lines Crutcher, Bercroft, Liff, Civil Service Army and the University should have at least one representative, and speaking somewhat at random I should imagine most people would pick Ernie and F. R. Zimmern (no room for Elliotts if R. Minu is in), E. L. Gosano and Orazio, A. H. Minu and A. H. Madar, Richardson and McLellan, (or Perry) Major, Gray and Sgt. Denyer, and Gegg. Or it may be thought that such a selection contains too many bowlers at the expense of the batting in which case one might put in Gerry Gosano for Orazio and Skipwith for Denyer. Suppose, however, one attempted to select a stronger team, without applying the representation clause. One of the most curious things in the position would be that the team would be practically the worst record in the League would have three strong candidates, and if Grosche should for any reason be unable to play possibly four, as Fortescue is probably a better wicket-keeper plus batsman than either Ernie or Archie Zimmern.

W. G. S. METHOD
BUT let us start with W. G. Grace's method of picking a team. First

Feb. 28/51.

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DOUBLES SEMI-FINAL

ORIGIN AND GROWTH OF SOCCER

Army Chaplain Lectures To Referees' Assn.

A LECTURE on the origin and growth of soccer was given by Rev. S. Hinchcliffe, Army Chaplain, at the monthly meeting of the Referees' Association last night.

Mr. Hinchcliffe said the earliest stage of football was more or less a street affair in which players took a kick at the ball or the opponents whenever the opportunity arose. Early opposition to the game came when the Army maintained that it interfered with archery. It was also suggested that it should not be played on Sundays.

The game was systematised in the 18th century when it was played on a ground measuring 100 yards by 50 with goal-posts three feet apart. The first side to send the ball through the posts was the winner.

LEAGUE INTRODUCED

IN 1869 the English Football Association came into being. In 1883 touch lines were put in and the bar across the goal-posts replaced the original cloth tape. It was not until 1902 that the field was marked as at present. The English League was introduced in 1899. Lack of spirit in the game was probably why it was introduced.

Mr. Hinchcliffe said he was proud that the Church was more or less responsible for the organisation of some of the well known teams now playing in the league, most having arisen from Christian organisations.

As a result of a meeting held by Army officials in 1898 it was decided to organise an Army League but in 1892 the Army became affiliated with the present English Football Association.

At the conclusion of the lecture it was proposed that referees should be awarded a small sum from their fees towards the building fund. It was suggested that 50 cents a month would meet all requirements.

cellent field, a fair change bowler, and a hurricane hitter who might completely alter the state of a game in half an hour. The latter is a useful all round player. But there are at least half a dozen players who might quite well be included in the side.

SUNDAY CRICKET

I HAD written up my notes so far on Sunday morning, when at tiffin time I discovered that there was a game over at the K.C.C. As it was Sunday tiffin time—about 2.30 p.m. as it happened—I missed Richardson's innings, which I hear was rather scratchy at first, but saw the end of C.S.C.C. innings, with Hollidge and Atwell quite at home with the bowling.

A declaration at 198 for 5 at four o'clock seemed to give the C.S.C.C. some chance of winning and a fairly safe passage in any case. After the two blank Saturdays, I had expected Perry and McLellan to shake off the stiffness from which they have both been suffering, but neither of them could get a wicket, and the bowling, with the exception of Fenton, broke down. I think too much use was made of Whitley and it would perhaps have been better policy to have given Hawkins an over or so earlier on.

The K.C.C. started very slowly, but the outfield was a bit heavy though it was drier than it had been at the beginning of the match, but as the bowling grew looser they took advantage of all the bad ones, and a fine stand by Anderson and E. F. Fincher enabled them to win eventually by three wickets.

ENJOYABLE GAME

IT was a very enjoyable game but the Civil Service should have done better. They were, save for the absence of Fortescue and Barrow, at full strength. K.C.C. had Teddy Fincher away. His left thumb has not yet recovered from the terrific crack he got in the Recrolo match, and I gather some of the ligaments are torn. It is fortunate it is not his right hand in these tennis days! Which reminds me that the tennis stand now obstructs the Supreme Court deep field on the Club Ground. But this always happens when "the bounds of tennis are on cricket's traces", if I may paraphrase the late Mr. Swinburn.

Wong And Au Defeat Eardley and Smith

(By "Tinker")

IT WAS NOT UNEXPECTED that Patrick Wong and C. Au should defeat H. Eardley and N. L. Smith in their semi-final match in the Colony Open badminton doubles championship at the Club de Recreo last night, and they did so by 15-6, 6-15, 15-12.

It was an amazing game of fluctuating form. The Chinese pair in the first game were right on top, but relapsed in the second to allow the St. John's pair to take the ascendancy. The Chinese pair came into prominence again in the final game and jumped into a 14-5 lead, when they relapsed again and Eardley and Smith took seven points in a row to climb up to 12-14.

Following their exhibition in the second game, the odds were apparently in Eardley's and Smith's favour for winning the match, for their recovery after the first game was wonderful. Smith never dropped below the steady stage, and was, at times, brilliant—moving around the court with extraordinary speed, recovering shots which his partner had little chance of reaching.

The superior combination and strokes of the Chinese pair, however, carried them through. Their prowess was best exemplified in the first game when they led 5-2, 9-3, 12-5, 14-6. Wong was much to the fore with smashes and drop shots from the baseline. Au's net work was excellent, and together they had the St. John's pair out on the move.

A RECOVERY

WHILE the Chinese Y.M.C.A. pair relapsed in the second game, Eardley and Smith gained some semblance of form and combination. Eardley was very active in the forecourt, and won many points with his hard smashes. Smith provided an extremely effective cover from the baseline, and they led 3-0, 4-2, 6-2, 8-2, 14-4. Eardley and Smith had recovered, but what optimistic supporters of the St. John's pair had overlooked was that it was a recovery on-coming with a falling-off of the Chinese pair.

It was, therefore, very surprising when in the third game the Chinese pair regained touch. But again, co-incidentally, Eardley and Smith, particularly the former, were guilty of many errors. They led 3-0, but the Chinese drew up to 4-11, 14-5.

THRILLING RALLY

SERVICE changed hands at this point, and it signalled the beginning of a rally that had the spectators on the edge of their seats. Slowly, with excellently placed drop shots and cross-court smashes, Eardley and Smith rose up to 12-14, at which point service changed hands for the last time.

Smith, during this rally, did the work of two. He was all over the court, bringing off the most remarkable recovery shots, instituting at the same time winners, either short or down the side lines. It was a big disappointment to him that he should have lost the point that gave the Chinese the match. He returned one just outside the sideline.

Au and Wong will now meet the winners of the K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew v. M. A. Silva and M. A. Oliveira match at the Kowloon Cricket Club to-night.

University Win Mixed Doubles Match

In the mixed doubles of the Badminton League University beat Recrolo B 8-1 last night.

P. F. Bun and Miss U. Khoo beat C. Pereira and Miss M. Xavier 21-12; beat H. Goncalves and Miss S. Remedios 21-4; beat N. Beltrao and Mrs. E. Souza 21-5.

E. F. Chow and Miss E. Khoo beat Pereira and Miss Xavier 21-18; lost to Goncalves and Miss Remedios 16-21; beat Beltrao and Miss Souza 21-15.

K. L. Yong and Miss K. J. Hung beat Pereira and Miss Xavier 21-14; beat Goncalves and Miss Remedios 21-15; beat Beltrao and Miss Souza 21-1.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey Teams

The following will represent the 1st XI of the Y.M.C.A. against University on the "Y" ground at 4.15 p.m. on Saturday, the 2nd XI will be represented by Denwell, Jordan and Vourflet; Kempton, Pennington and Waldron; Bates, Gemmill, White, Colledge and Wain. The 2nd XI against the R.A.S.C. on the same day at the U.S.C.C. ground will be: Kullern and Grant; Smith, Hingardie and Baldwin; Banks, Dormer, Taylor, Gilchrist and Ireson.

Around The Courses

OPEN TITLE SHOULD PAY FOR 10 YEARS

Kowloon Club Champion Gone From Hongkong

(By "Birdie")

GOLF CHAMPIONS should have no fear of the days when they have been dethroned—if the opinion of Ralph Guldahl, 1937 and 1938 Open Champion of the United States, is of any value. To him, a National Championship is worth about \$25,000 a year for five or six years, "and a smart champion should cash in on his prestige for the next ten or fifteen years, provided he keeps himself in the limelight."

Guldahl is managing this alright. His name still frequently figures in the top ones of big tournaments, but it is not the money collected from these tournaments that adds up to \$25,000—exhibitions, endorsements and salaries from manufacturers do that.

In 1933, Guldahl finished second in the Open to Johnny Goodman, the amateur, missing a four-foot putt on the final green that would have given him a tie. He was runner-up. For a while his name was remembered and then forgotten. In 1934 he was last among the first nine, and during the following year when he was offered a job as motorcar salesman he almost threw it in his hand and accepted. He disliked having to admit defeat, however, and the automobile agency financed him for what he termed his "desperation tournament tour."

Let no one think this grand player is finished. He plays regularly at the East Lake Course, Atlanta, and only just over a month ago returned a 63 to tie his own record for the 70-par course. Golf lost one of its greatest men when Jones retired, but he isn't regretful. He says he got enough golf into the 15 years he was in competitions.

AND while talking of losses, the Kowloon Golf Club have lost their champion, A. E. Davies, who has been recalled home. He was a Chief Physical Training Instructor at the Royal Naval Dockyard, and I think he has returned to Portsmouth—where is his native course.

He has left behind in the Kowloon G.C. a fine record for emulation. His last big victory was over J. T. Smith during the Happy Valley Kowloon match on Good Friday. The match, however, was played on the Kowloon Course, and that, no doubt, had a great influence on their respective form.

THE semi-final matches of the Mixed Foursomes at the Country Club, Sheungshui, were played off over the last week-end. Once more Mrs. A. J. Kew and her sister, Miss L. G. Abing—both finalists of the women's championship—were in opposition, and Miss Abing and her partner, C. H. Sun, surprised all when they won on the 18th. Y. C. Lee, Mrs. Kew's partner, only recently came to Hongkong from Shanghai, where he was possessed of a handicap of 0. One has only to see him play an iron to believe that.

By a far bigger margin, Miss E. Heng and G. Lee beat Miss Sequeira and Dr. P. K. C. Tyan in the other semi-final. The losers conceded eleven strokes, and lost by 5 and 3.

With the final of this competition next Sunday, the tournament season of the Country Club comes to an end.

CUNNINGHAM TO HANG UP HIS SPIKES

He Hoped To Run In His Third Olympiad

NEW YORK, Mar. 14. (Reuter).—The lightning feet of Glenn Cunningham, America's most famous miler, will plough the cinder tracks no more in competition when 1940 is out.

Confirming earlier reports that he would hang up his spikes at the end of this year, Glenn declared in a broadcast that he would definitely retire from active competition after 1940.

"For a long time now I've postponed my retirement from active competition, but it's one of those things that can't be put off forever. This will be my last year," he said. "I've continued in competition these past two years mainly with the hope of trying for my third successive Olympic team. Now conditions on the other side have made the holding of the Olympic Games impossible. So why go on?" he said.

Dutch Girl Swimmer Turns Film Star

WILLY DEN OUDEN, the 23-year-old blonde Dutch girl swimmer, who at one time held nine world records, has signed a contract with a French film company, says "Press Association" from Paris. She has arrived in Paris, and will begin film work immediately.

SPORT ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 4th April, 1940, commencing at 2.40 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
No One without a badge will be permitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting, and such a member as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock NOON. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21202).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, C. D. BROWN, Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1940.

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



You've all seen the famous Judge Hardy Series of films. The "Telegraph" has arranged with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer to obtain the serial rights of the next story in this popular series. It begins to-day—

ANDY HARDY GETS SPRING FEVER

ADAPTED FROM THE Metro Goldwyn Mayer PICTURE
by BEATRICE FABER

COURT had been dismissed for the day and Judge Hardy was back at his desk in chambers, finishing off the day's mail.

That is, he should have been finishing it, but a dreamy lethargy had come over him, staying his hand and slowing his mind.

His eyes were soft, his lips faintly smiling as his gaze followed a purple and yellow butterfly. Then he breathed deeply, for the perfumed scent of lilacs was in the air. Ah Spring, it was here again. Young men were being arrested for kissing their young ladies in parked cars, the taxes were due on the aqueduct land and the sky was the blue of a baby's eyes. Yes, Spring had definitely arrived.

He started, as the clerk announced two callers.

One of them, a prosperous, substantial looking man of about forty-five, strode forward and offered his hand. "Good afternoon, Judge, my name's Willis and this is Mr. Hansen."

The Judge nodded, waved them to chairs and listened attentively as Willis talked. He himself, Willis explained, was a business man from the northern part of the state. Now, here was the point of this visit. Mr. Hansen was a chemist, and last week he had stumbled on something, truly remarkable, something that would interest the Judge. It was understood of course that the Judge would deal with them fairly after they told him of the discovery.

Judge Hardy nodded stiffly. "My integrity is fairly well established in Carvel." Willis nodded. "We know that. But Judge, do you know that one of the most important factors in life to-day is the metal aluminum?" "No," the Judge said, startled. He had always thought of the important factors in life as being decency and honesty and kindness. "Is it?"

Willis came forward. "Yes. And aluminum comes from the mineral bauxite." He took a small vial from his pocket. "This bottle of soil contains eight percent aluminum bauxite. And," he added significantly, "it comes from a piece of property north of Carvel. You own it."

This raised the Judge from his chair. "What? From my aqueduct land?" "Exactly," Hansen said. "That's why we're here." He proffered a slip of paper. "Here's an analysis of it."

"In other words," Judge Hardy asked, "my property is worth money?" "That's right. Have the sample put to any test you like. There's a fortune in this for all of us."

"Those words," said the Judge, as the men rose to go, "are the pleasantest I've heard in a long while."

FIFTEEN minutes later he was standing in front of a large lot that had a For Sale sign on it. It offered 100 acres to the public and gave assurance that they would go. "Cheap!"



the bottle, nodded with satisfaction and then climbed back into his car. Well, a few days time would tell. If those men were right, he'd be a rich man yet. In the meantime it wouldn't do a bit of harm to check their statements by having his own sample of the soil analysed.

Suddenly he heard a loud Indian yell, and glanced back. There was his son, Andy, leaping down the street, jumping over steps and boxes, for the sheer joy of life in Springtime. The Judge watched him for a wistful moment. Ah youth, a wonderful gift that man cherishes only when he has lost it. Shaking his head a bit he started the car and drove on.

Joyously unaware of his father's reflections, Andy sped down the street. He half turned as little Harmon Higginbotham, Junior, known otherwise as Sticks' Plaster, called forlornly, "Where you going Andy?"

"None of your business," Andy retorted. That kid was always trying to tag along. "Kiss I go with you?" "No," Andy tore away and a moment later dashed into Polly Benedict's garden. "Hi Polly," he yelled. Gee, she sure looked pretty, dressed all in white and sitting in the garden swing. "Boy, didn't ever see such a day? Gee, I feel swell..." He stopped short. Lounging on a chair was a young man wearing a Naval Ensign's uniform. "Oh—hello, Polly."

She was polite but definitely chilly. "How are you Andy? Ah—this is Ensign Charles Cooper of the United States Navy. Andrew Hardy, Charlie."

Andy sat down hard and swallowed a lump in his throat. Gee, Polly was being mighty supercilious. "Charlie's staying at our house," she gurgled. "Isn't it thrilling? And he's here on official business for the Navy. And guess who else is coming? The Rear Admiral. And began to show a healthy skepticism. "A Rear Admiral—in Carvel? Aw, go on." Charlie explained. The Government was building a huge training

school for the navy reserve and it was their job to supervise part of Carvel's road construction so that in a national emergency thousands of men and supplies could be moved efficiently.

"Isn't that simply terrific!" Polly exclaimed. Andy hated to admit it, but it was. "It's big, all right," Gee whizz, why was it that every time he felt in a loving mood, Polly got these old guys around her. "I don't imagine it's going to keep you here long," he said to Charlie hopefully.

"About six weeks." "Oh!" He took it on the chin and blinked. "Why, that's swell." Then he made a desperate grab for lost prestige. "Yep, that's great. You'll be here to see our Track meet. I," he added casually, "run the 440 yard dash. I hold the school record."

Polly giggled. "Why Andy, isn't Charlie's name familiar? Charles Cooper. My goodness, Andy, didn't you read about him in the last Olympic games?"

Andy's eyes glazed over. "You—you were in the Olympics, huh?" Charlie shrugged with becoming modesty. "Uh-huh."

Andy edged toward the door. He was a little weak from the blow. "Well, I guess I got to be going. My father wants me to take care of something important for him."

"You mean—wash the car?" Polly teased. Andy turned to the Ensign and smiled painfully. "Kids have such a funny sense of humour, don't they? Well, go—bye."

HIS face was three feet long as he came up the front walk of his house. Then he looked up as Mom appeared at the window. "Darling," Mrs. Hardy called coaxingly, "will you pick some flowers for the table? I think the violets north of the house are in bloom." Andy spoke coldly. "Mom, can I tell you the exact truth?" "Why yes." "I'm in no mood for pickin' violets." He stalked to the garage and slammed the door behind him. In the kitchen Mrs. Hardy smiled helplessly and spoke to Aunt Milly

who was cleaning vegetables at the sink. "That boy—now he's off on another tack. He's been as good as gold for about two weeks. I might have expected a change any day. It's come, all right." Then she broke off and stared as the Judge walked through the kitchen to the back garden without saying a word. His only greeting was a dreamy little wave of recognition. He had the detached look of a man who is walking on air. She peered out the window and ran back.

"Well, for pity's sake Milly. Do you see James? He's mowing the lawn. At his age. What can he be thinking off? She marched determinedly to the stove. "I can guess, though—Spring. It happens every year. Well, I'll tell you this, spring-fever or no spring fever, I'm not serving dinner one minute later than usual."

The Judge was running a very crooked swath across the lawn as his daughter Marian came up to him. He smiled as he faced her. Sometimes, Marian, at eighteen, could be more earnest than the oldest jurist he had ever known. And sure enough, she did have something on her mind. It seemed that she'd been thinking, "Dad," she said tensely. "As you know, I haven't any current heart interest now. I mean, any steady one. Lately my life seems so sort of pointless—so I want to try earning my own living. I want to be doing something."

He looked at her thoughtfully. "Well, I'll admit, I'd like to see you earning your own living in case you had to. But I'd hate to have to take somebody's pay check away—somebody who might need it."

"But Dad—" "Marian," Mrs. Hardy called from the window, "time to set the table." The Judge patted his daughter's arm. "I'll put my thinking-cap on and see what we can do." He bent to the lawn mower. Alice girl, he decided vaguely. She'll grow up into a grand woman like her mother some day. Then, his thoughts turned again to

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 3, 1890.
We learn that the very handsome gift to the Maons of Hongkong which Wor. Bros. the Hon. C. P. Chater, Wor. Bros. Gillies and Bro. Mody are making, will consist of a new Lodge room on exactly the same lines as the existing one, in the rear of which it will be erected. This will enable two lodges to be held at once. The cost is estimated at about \$16,000.

Last night the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, were entertained by the Chinese community at the Kow-shing Theatre.

25 YEARS AGO

April 3, 1916.
The National Union of Journalists wires to the Allies, and states that it appreciates the co-operation of Japan in freeing the seas and nations in the Far East from the peril of allied aggression and trusts that the friendship of the two island races may long endure.

A couple of interesting letters from Rudyard Kipling to a French friend have been published in Paris. He freely uses the word "Bocho" as every soldier does, says he could tell some pretty stories about the Indian troops "but they're nearly all in your country," sarcastically refers to German "Kultur" and closes one of his notes with the following passage:

"Let us take courage and rejoice that it has been given us to live in such times. The issue is beyond all doubt, and the re-crystallization of Europe will be something for the survivors to see. If we die, at any rate, our two countries will not and they will recreate the world."

10 YEARS AGO

April 3, 1930.
Another important step in the development of Kowloon will be embarked upon in the near future when work on a big block of residential four roomed flats will be started on the vacant ground between the Star Theatre and the Y.M.C.A. This valuable building site has remained undeveloped for many years being merely occupied by various market gardeners and flower sellers.

The Pulkov Observatory has taken two photographs of the new planet recently discovered by the Lowell Observatory in Arizona. In the United States Senate yesterday, there was a debate on the planet, especially in relation to reports reflecting doubts on its existence.

5 YEARS AGO

April 3, 1935.
During a protracted debate in the House of Lords to-day, Viscount Peel, Great Britain should accept the role of mediator in any disputes which would in the future arise between Japan and China.

The Duke of Atholl, famous old soldier, deprecated the often-heard theory that Japan was making an effort to absorb China. "She has trouble enough without trying to conquer China," the Duke of Atholl declared, "with Russia waiting and watching."

The striking revelation that a considerable part of the Swedish armament industry was under foreign and particularly German control was made in a report of the Commission examining the question of armament manufacture.

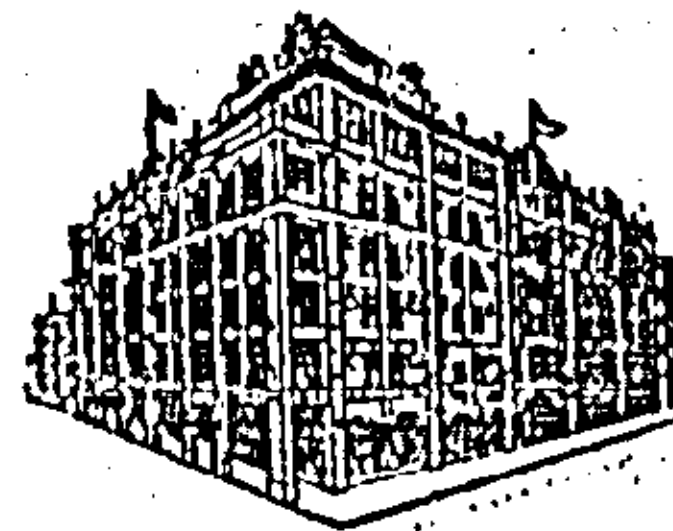
At the close of question time, Mr. Winston Churchill, asked the Prime Minister whether in view of Sir John Simon's answer he would provide an opportunity for a debate upon these "urgent and serious matters."

The Prime Minister replied that the state of Parliament's business was so pressing at the moment that he could not give any special day for this discussion.

aluminum. If only that sample came back with the same report as the one that Willis and Hansen had given him, he'd be able to retire and live in ease the rest of his life.

He straightened up. My, what a wonderful Spring day, this had turned out to be.

TO-MORROW
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Chengte Case Dropped

Japanese Apologise For Anti-British Display

PEIPING, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The British Embassy authorities have been instructed not to take further action in connection with the Chengte case.

It is learned that an expression of sympathy over the unfortunate incident was received from the Japanese Embassy authorities by the British Embassy authorities in Peiping.

The Japanese military spokesman states that he sincerely regrets that such an incident should have occurred.

Incident Recalled

(The incident was one in which Mr. D. J. Robey, British Vice-Consul in Peiping, and two members of the United Church of Canada Mission, Dr. E. B. Stammers, of Galt, Ontario, and the Rev. G. K. King, of New Brunswick, were threatened by anti-British demonstrators in Chengte, Honan, last month.

The party had received a Japanese pass to visit Chengte, where Mission property had been burned and pillaged. When they were in Chengte, some 30 anti-British demonstrators forced their way into their room and struck Mr. Robey and the Rev. King, neither of whom fortunately, was seriously hurt.

The British authorities then lodged a complaint with the Japanese Embassy authorities, from whom the pass had been obtained.)

French Chamber Adjourns

PARIS, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—M. Paul Reynaud made only a brief appearance during the Chamber Debate and did not speak.

The Chamber adjourned until April 4. This means that the Government will face the Senate first in Secret Session on the conduct of the war on Tuesday.

Achilles Heroes Cheered

WELLINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Four hundred officers and men of H.M.S. Achilles, the New Zealand cruiser of Great Speed battle fame, took part in a triumphal march through the streets of Wellington to-day.

LETTERS

Macao Incident

To The Editor, The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—We should be greatly obliged, if you would kindly allow us to insert a few lines in the valuable column of your paper with a view to clearing ourselves of the report relating to the incidents said to have occurred at the Central Hotel. This report appears in your paper of yesterday's issue.

It is not true at all that some Japanese soldiers refused to pay for their meals, after having partaken of an expensive banquet at our Hotel. To our knowledge, such an incident has never occurred.

As for the incident said to have occurred at a Macao gaming house where armed Japanese soldiers forcibly compelled the croupiers to accept Japanese military notes, inquiries made by us in this connection reveal that none of the gaming houses, including those at the premises of our Hotel, have ever been molested by any Japanese soldier trying to utter Japanese military notes.

Thanking you in anticipation for the publicity service you would certainly render us in the interest of all parties concerned in the above mentioned report.

for The Central Hotel, C. F. Fu, for Secretary.

Macao, April 2.

Quiet Stock Exchange

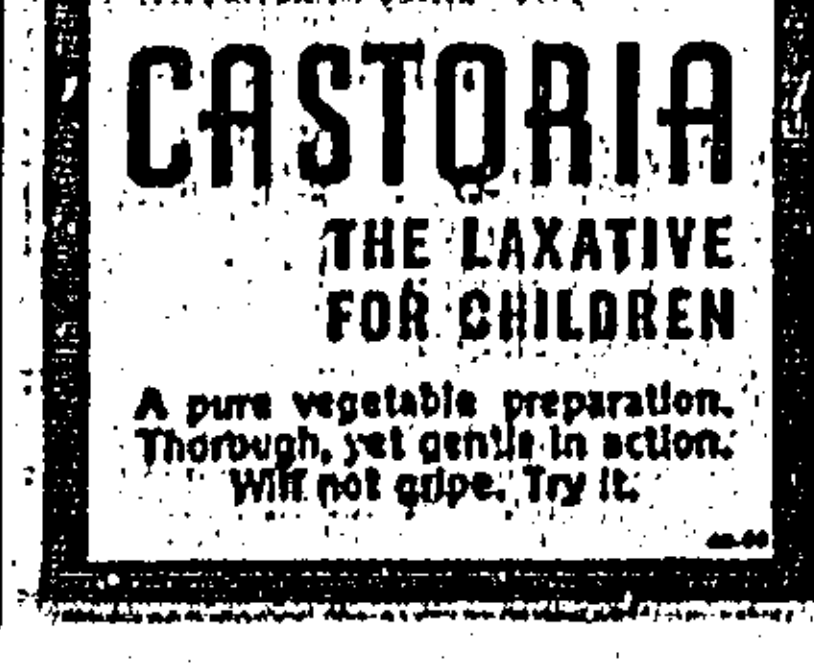
LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange, quietly firm conditions characterised to-day's markets in which ill-edged securities slowly improved while myones were further bought by provincial investors.

Gold-mining shares were higher on general buying.

Wall Street was firm.

GERMANS DENY SINKING

BERLIN, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Authoritative circles here, commenting on the belief that the El Cierro was sunk by a U-boat, state that no German U-boat has been in that area.



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Mr. E. J. Ruse, of Kenwood-avenue, Hale, Cheshire, writes: "As shell after shell registered direct hits on the German battleship—the observer in the British plane who reported progress became more and more excited, exclaiming 'Oh, what a beauty! Well hit sir! Damn good shooting! Nice work!'"

"The commander of the cruiser sent out this message: 'Real information, please, not so many compliments!'"

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: H.K. Banks were dealt in at \$1,400, and a few Unions at \$510 and some H.K. Fires at \$185, the rest of the few dealings was confined to the junior issues. Market generally still quietish.

Sales	Buyers
H.K. Banks \$1,400	H.K. Banks \$1,400
H.K. Fire Ins. \$185	H.K. Fire Ins. \$185
H.K. Dock Co. \$510	H.K. Dock Co. \$510
H. & S. Hotels \$210	H. & S. Hotels \$210
H.K. Electric \$95	H.K. Electric \$95
Consolidated \$105	Consolidated \$105
Watsons \$2	Watsons \$2
Sinclair \$2	Sinclair \$2
Wing On (H.K.) \$44	Wing On (H.K.) \$44
Entertainments \$8.80	Entertainments \$8.80
Canton Ins. \$22.50	Canton Ins. \$22.50
Union Ins. \$508	Union Ins. \$508
H.K. Fire Ins. \$185	H.K. Fire Ins. \$185
H.K. Dock Co. \$510	H.K. Dock Co. \$510
H.K. Lands \$37.50	H.K. Lands \$37.50
H.K. Tramways \$17.60	H.K. Tramways \$17.60
Telephones (Old) \$30	Telephones (Old) \$30
Telephones (New) \$11.20	Telephones (New) \$11.20
H.K. Banks \$1,400	H.K. Banks \$1,400
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H.K. Fire Ins. \$185	H.K. Fire Ins. \$185
H.K. Dock Co. \$510	H.K. Dock Co. \$510
Providents \$415	Providents \$415
H.K. Lands \$37.50	H.K. Lands \$37.50
H.K. Dock Co. \$510	H.K. Dock Co. \$510
H.K. Tramways \$17.60	H.K. Tramways \$17.60
China Lights (Old) \$5.10	China Lights (Old) \$5.10
H.K. Electric \$95	H.K. Electric \$95
Telephones (Old) \$30	Telephones (Old) \$30
Telephones (New) \$11	Telephones (New) \$11
Watsons \$2	Watsons \$2

MANILA GOLD SHARES	%
Atokas	14 1/2
Antamok	11 1/2
Baguio Gold	11 1/2
Historic Malay	10 1/2
Blr Wedge	10 1/2
Coco Grove	10 1/2
Consolidated Mines	10 1/2
Demonstration	10 1/2
East Mindanao	10 1/2
T. X. L.	10 1/2
Ipo Gold	10 1/2
Heron Mining	10 1/2
Manabulo Consolidated	10 1/2
Masbate Consolidated	10 1/2
Mindanao Motherlode	10 1/2
Nine Operations	10 1/2
North Camarines	10 1/2
Paracale Gumau	10 1/2
San Maurice	10 1/2
Surigao Consolidated	10 1/2
Suyoc Consolidated	10 1/2
Hydric Investment	10 1/2
United Paracale	10 1/2

Turkey's Loyalty To Pledges

ANKARA, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The main topic of the Press is the report, subsequently formally denied in London, that the Allies have asked Turkey to allow the passage of warships through the Dardanelles. Responsible quarters emphasise Turkey's loyal adherence to all her pledges, and that she will scrupulously observe the Montreux Convention and allow no belligerent warships to pass the Straits while she is outside the war.

Foreign Planes Over Belgium

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BRUSSELS, Apr. 2 (UP).—One British and seven German planes have violated Belgian territory during the past twelve hours.

CHILDREN'S DAY Celebration and Display Of Handwork At

Chinese Y.M.C.A.
Some 350 bright children, chosen from the thousands of children in Kowloon schools will participate in the celebration of Children's Day at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Waterloo Road, at noon to-morrow.
The programme will consist of singing, dancing, masquerade, fancy skating, walking on stilts, and physical exercises, including Chinese boxing.
There will be an exhibition of a thousand paintings, sketches, emblems, essays, and scrolls of Chinese writings. Handwork by some 900 children will be on display.
The public is cordially invited to attend the celebration and exhibition. The latter will be for three days, beginning to-morrow. There will be no charge for admission nor will there be solicitation of funds.

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The acting rank of Air Vice-Marshal has been granted to Air Commodore K. R. Park and N. H. Bottomley, states the London "Gazette."

OBJECTOR'S MOTHER IS A GERMAN

SHOULD a man whose mother is of German birth be expected to fight against Germany—perhaps against cousins in the German Army?

Twenty-two-year-old Cecil Blowers, of Lewis-road, Sutton, Surrey, thinks not, and at London Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal he said so.

He told the tribunal that he believed he had cousins in the German Army.

It would lie on his conscience if he were sent to the front line and, after the war, should hear that a cousin had been killed in the German line. But the tribunal refused his exemption.

"Fond Of Them"

Before going back to his job as a shop assistant at a Baywater store, he spent the lunch-hour filling out the form he obtained from the Labour Exchange to appeal against the decision.

At his home his mother was very unhappy when a reporter told of the decision.

"My people are German," she said, "although my neighbours know little about my origin."

"I kept in touch with my German relatives by letter until the war. I am fond of them and have brought up my two sons to think of them as friends."

"I have lived all my life in England, and have English nationality through my marriage to a Suffolk man 30 years ago. But I still feel I am half German."

"Before my marriage I was Katherine Wahlen. My family lived at Bonn, on the Rhine, for generations. After the last war there was coldness between branches of the family, because one nephew, Herbert Wahlen, was in the British Navy, and another in a German branch of the family."

LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—Mr. Montagu Norman has been re-elected Governor of the Bank of England for the 21st term. Mr. B. G. Cantlens has been re-elected Deputy-Governor for the fifth term.

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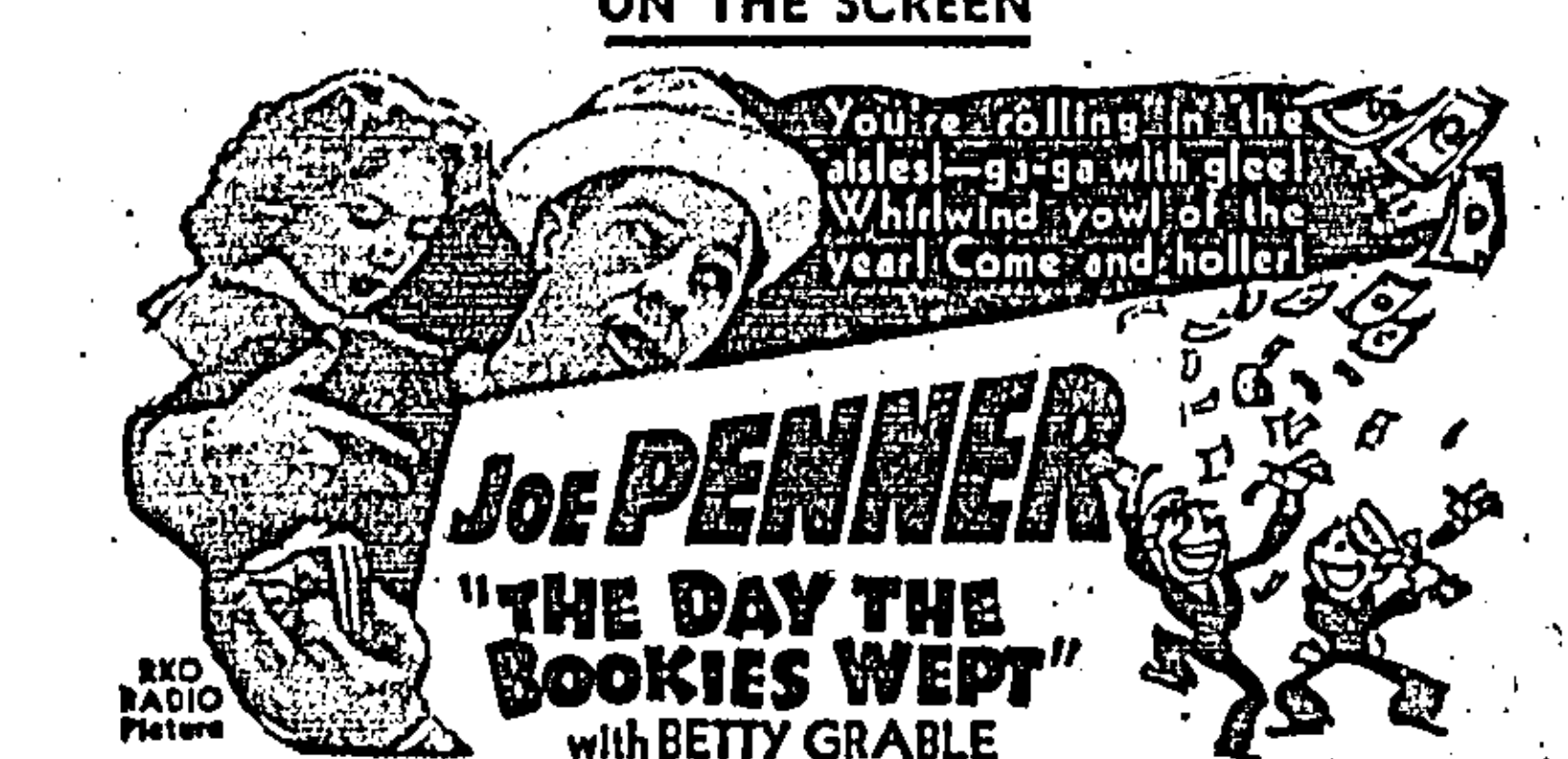
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NAZIS NO MATCH FOR HURRICANES

By RICHARD McMILLAN

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT
WITH THE ROYAL AIR FORCE IN FRANCE,
April 3 (UP).—In addition to the Nazi raids on
Scapa Flow and on a British merchantmen convoy,
and the British reconnaissance flights over Ger-
many, aerial activity has increased considerably
over the Western Front with the first breath of
spring weather—the weather which, experts say,
will be a prelude to Nazi blitzkriegs on land and
in the air.

Aerial encounters along the 125 miles of Western
Front from the Rhine to the Moselle have provided
soldiers in the trenches with their greatest excitement
since war started seven
months ago to-day.

WESTERN FRONT



BIG BATTLE DEVELOPING

Cannonading Most Intense Of War

PARIS, April 2 (UP).—
The seventh month of war
wound up to-day with the
intensity of fighting appre-
ciably increased.

For the first time in the
war, artillery fire was con-
tinuous throughout the day,
the dull roar of heavy guns
bringing back to many
French people far behind
the lines memories of the
awful bombardments of
1914-18.

Most of the artillery activity
occurred on the narrow Lorraine
front between the Saar River
and the Vosges Mountains.
The 424th official Commu-
nique, issued from General
Gamelin's headquarters to-night,
confirms that French artillery
fire was on a larger scale than
usual.

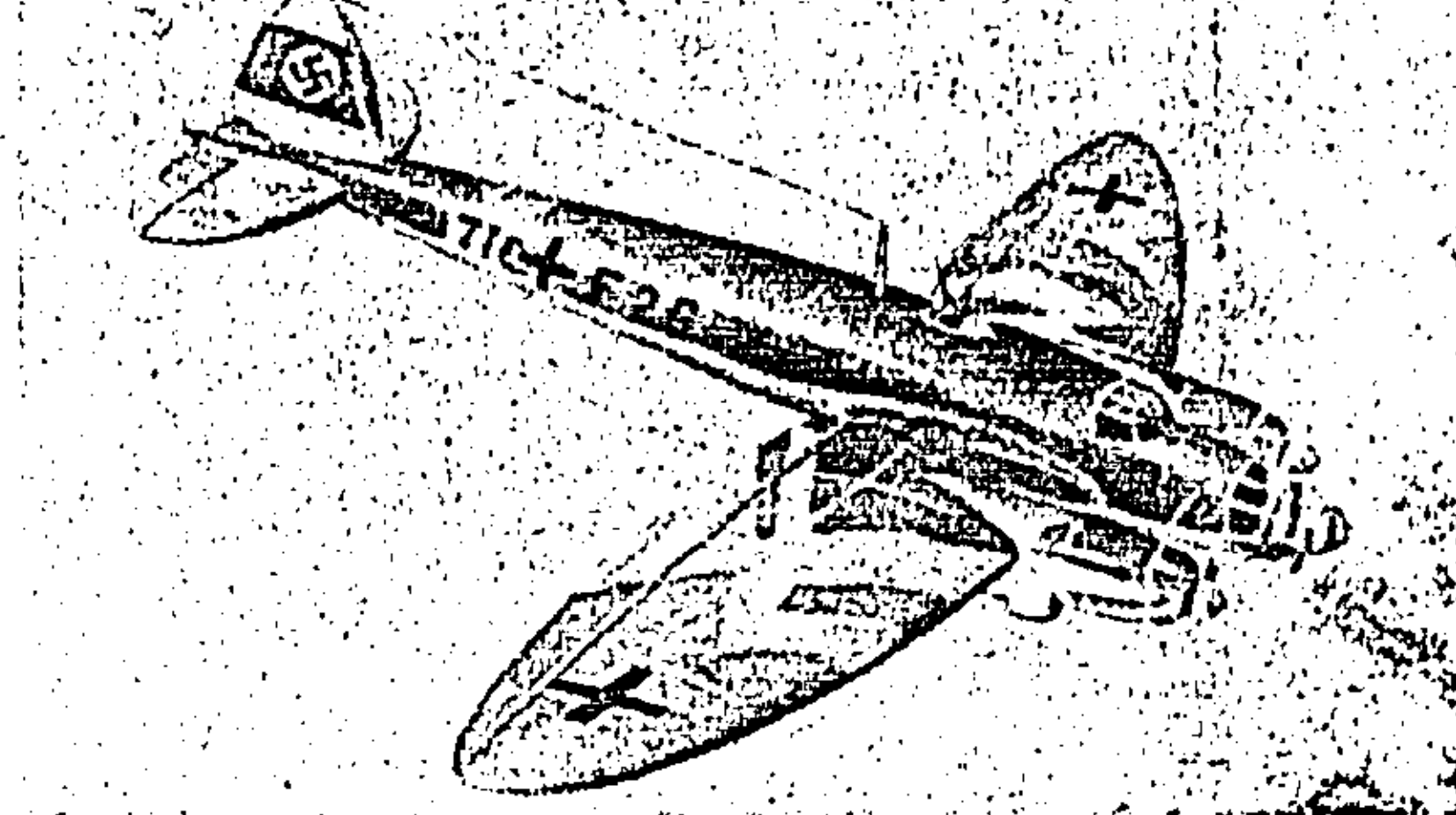
TOKYO PRESSURE ON BERLIN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, April 2 (UP).—The
Paris "Soleil" states that Tokyo
is bringing pressure to bear on
Germany in an effort to prevent
any relaxation of the good rela-
tions existing between Berlin
and Moscow.

The newspaper states that Tokyo
has signalled to Berlin that it would
be reassured by a meeting between
M. Molotov, the Russian Foreign
Minister, and von Ribbentrop, the
German Foreign Minister, if the latter
could secure a pledge that
Moscow has no intention of reinforcing
the Russian forces in the Far
East.

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HEINKEL HE 111 is a medium bomber which can fly 2,100 miles at a
top speed of 261 m.p.h. Its "inverted-V" engines permit smoother
streamlining than the engines in the Dornier. This Heinkel is used for
bombing Britain.

NAZIS SINK OUR NAVY (AGAIN)

LONDON, April 3 (Reuter).—Further large-scale
Nazi air raids on Scapa Flow are apparently in progress.
According to the Nazi claims the British Navy has
again been annihilated.

Here is the Nazi version of the raid, as issued by
D.N.B.:

"Some hours ago Heinkel bombers once again paid
a memorable visit to the British Naval Base at Scapa
Flow.

"The first planes have already returned and are over
Heligoland.

JAP VERSUS ZEESSEN

GOEBBELS is having some
difficulty in making his
propaganda broadcasts from Zeessen
heard in the Far East.

Zeessen is being drowned by a
"revving" motor station.
But the Allies are not causing
the trouble. Everyone in Hong-
kong is free to listen to the Nazi
propaganda—if they can hear it.

A Japanese station is the
offender. It is utilizing a fre-
quency that blankets out the
German station.

The call-sign of the motor
station is, appropriately enough,
JAP.

Munitions Explosion

Three Lose Lives In Scottish Factory

LONDON, Apr. 2
(Reuter).—The Minister of
Supply announces that an
explosion occurred in a
munitions factory in Scot-
land this evening.

It is feared that three lives
have been lost. Four men were
injured.

A Court of Inquiry has been
set up to investigate the acci-
dent.

Death Of U.S. Army General

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PORTLAND, Apr. 2 (UP).—The
death is announced of Major-General
Creed Hammond, former Chief of the
Military Bureau and Comptroller
General in the Philippine Islands.
The late Major General was born
in Eugene, Oregon on October 9,
1874.

In addition to being a military
officer, he had considerable experi-
ence in banking and mercantile busi-
ness. He first went to the Philippines
in 1920.

Admiralty Statement

LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—The Ad-
miralty announced that German
planes attacked Scapa Flow at dusk
to-day. Bombs were dropped, one of
which fell on land.

No ship was hit or damaged and
one German plane is believed to have
been shot down.

The raiders were repulsed by fire
from warships and land batteries.

No Damage

The Press Association reported that
the bomb which fell on land caused
no damage. Air raid warnings were
sounded at dusk and the all clear
was sounded after three quarters of
an hour.

Fierce anti-aircraft fire was audible
for five minutes after which the ex-
plosion of bombs was heard.

The raiders were chased off by
R.A.F. fighting planes. An eye-
witness said he saw a German plane
make a spiral dive into the sea.

Heinkels Chased

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—A
German plane appeared near the
south-east coast of England yester-
day and British pursuit planes took
off.

The sound of gun-fire could be
heard from the shore.

Another Nazi plane was reported
over or near the north-east coast.

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outside the war.

NEUTRAL MACHINES PROTECT FRONTIER

AMSTERDAM, April 2 (Reuter).—Behind a brief communique
issued by the British Air Ministry to-day lies a thrilling story of violent
air duels over the North Sea, witnessed by thousands of spectators in
neutral Holland.

The communique said:

"R.A.F. aircraft of the Bomber Command were actively engaged in
reconnaissance over the North Sea during the day. Enemy patrol vessels
were attacked with bombs and one enemy aircraft of the Junkers type
was engaged and damaged in combat.

"The wreckage of this aircraft was subsequently observed by a war-
ship.

"One of our aircraft is missing."

The violent air battles were watched by thousands of spectators at
points along the Dutch frontier yesterday even-
ing.

Dutch air patrols were sent up to protect Dutch
neutrality.

People in many places in eastern and central Holland
ran out of doors to see what was happening.

The rival planes—tiny black specks wheeling and
manoeuvring in a clear sky—were clearly visible.

Anti-aircraft fire was heard from the German side of
the frontier.

SMOKE-SCREENS ACROSS FRONTIER

Great smoke-screens drifted across the frontier
particularly in the neighbourhood of Zutphen.

Reports that the combatants flew over Dutch territory
lack confirmation but the roar of the aircraft engines
continued well into the
night.

The watchers saw five
enormous searchlights being
brought into action in the neigh-
bourhood of Borken (just over
the frontier from Arnhem)
which swept the sky unceasingly.

At one moment observers saw a
plane caught in the beam and escape
again after a series of breathtaking
manoeuvres.

Fight Over West Front

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—A
bulletin issued by the Headquarters
of the British Air Forces in France
states that yesterday three fighter
aircraft of the R.A.F. attacked and broke
up a formation of nine Messerschmitts
of the 110 type on the Western Front
near Metz.

All our aircraft returned safely.

German Version

BERLIN, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The
British bombers which attacked
German patrol vessels west of Sylt
on Monday dropped 25 bombs, all of
which missed, says a German High
Command communique.

Five Allied planes were shot down
in combat, it claims.

Crumbling Dykes

Severe Flood Threat To
Pennsylvania City

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SUNBURY, Penn., April 2 (UP).—
Thousands of emergency workers are
working frantically against time in
an effort to erect new sandbag bar-
riers against the crumbling dykes
that are the only protection this
flood-devastated city now has against
the rampaging Susquehanna river.

The crest of the flood-waters are
expected late to-day.

The bridge connecting Wilkes
Barre and Plymouth has already
given way under the pounding of a
15 mile per hour current.

Casualties have now reached
twenty. They include one man who
shot himself when his home was
destroyed.

In addition, five persons are miss-
ing. Thirty thousand are homeless.

ECONOMIC WARFARE

No Cotton Re-Exports To Germany

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—
Exports from the United States
to Europe and neutral countries
were featured at question time
to-day when Parliament resumed
following the ten days Easter
recess.

The Minister for Economic Warfare
said that while it is true that the
Netherlands' imports of cotton from
the United States during the three
months September to November 1939,
and United States exports to countries
near Germany were larger than dur-
ing the same period in 1938, he could
not accept the suggestion that this
indicated re-exports to Germany.

No Raw Cotton Re-Exports

According to official Netherlands
statistics, he announced, no raw cotton
was re-exported to Germany during
the four months September to Decem-
ber 1939. He added that during the
same period re-exports of cotton in
other forms were very small.

He stated that imports of cotton
from all sources into the Netherlands
for the whole of 1939 totalled 62,250
tons compared with 62,850 in 1937.

SUICIDE ATTACKS

Chinese Commander's Amazing Hercism

LANCHOW, Apr. 2 (Central).—
The heroism and sacrifice of
Major Chao Shou-kiang resulting
in the re-taking of the strategic
town of Wuyuan in west Sui-
yuan by the Chinese last month,
was related in military messages
received here to-day.

Six Bayonet Charges

Major Chao and his battalion were
assigned to the task of storming the
district government building at
Wuyuan, used by the Japanese gar-
rison as their stronghold inside the
city.

Defying withering machine-gun
fire from behind barbed wire en-
tanglements and block-houses, the
battalion charged six times during
the night of March 20. They finally
succeeded in dislodging the remnant
Japanese from the building.

Battalion Wiped Out

Major Chao was killed in action
and all but eleven privates of the
whole battalion gave their lives in
the fighting. The Japanese com-
mander of Wuyuan was killed, together
with several senior officers.

Major Chao and his fallen men will
receive posthumous recognition from
the military authorities.

Three Ships In Distress

Caught In Heavy Storm
Off Norway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERGEN, Apr. 2 (UP).—Three
merchant ships are reported to be in
distress off the coast of Norway
following a heavy snowstorm.

One is a Norwegian ship from
Haugesund, another is an unidentified
Danish ship loaded with wheat, and
the third is of undetermined nation-
ality.

A coastguard cutter has put out
from Bergen to assist the vessels.

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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date 27th March.
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Straits and Saigon Apr. 5.
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Ord. April 3, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg. April 3, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. April 3, 7.00 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malia and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 4th May and London, 12th May.
K.P.O.
Parcels Apr. 3, 5 p.m.
Reg. Apr. 3, 5 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 4, 8.30 a.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels Apr. 3, 5 p.m.
Reg. Apr. 3, 5 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 4, 8.30 a.m.
Thursday, April 4

Canton 7.15 a.m.
Amoy 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan 12.30 p.m.
Amoy 1.30 p.m.
Swatow and (Shanghai Parcels only) 2.30 p.m.
Saloon, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion and Madagascar 3.30 p.m.
Parcel Mail for Straits 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 17th April.
K.P.O.

Reg. 3.45 p.m.
Ord. 4.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. 3.45 p.m.
Ord. 4.30 p.m.
Amoy 7 p.m.
Friday, April 5

Canton 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan 12.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Holhow 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Balen, Lourenco Marques, East and South Africa 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong 3 p.m.

CHILDREN'S DAY IN HONGKONG

Chinese children in Hongkong will celebrate Children's Day to-morrow in elaborate fashion, says "Central News." Celebration meetings will be held at the King's, Queen's and Lee Theatres in Hongkong and the Po Hing Theatre, Kowloon, to-morrow morning.

Altogether 60 schools with 2,450 pupils will take part in these meetings.

Foreign Planes Over Belgium

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BRUSSELS, Apr. 2 (UP).—One British and seven German planes have violated Belgian territory during the past twelve hours.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-fifth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, on Monday, the 22nd April, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 6th April to 22nd April, 1940, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY LIMITED.
General Managers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LTD.

The Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held in the Company's Office, P. O. Building, 5th Floor, on Thursday, 11th April, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 8th April, to Thursday, 11th, 1940, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
General Managers.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1940.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. General Secretary, H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.
The Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor.
The Inspector, 82, Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd floor.
The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.
The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.
The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

AMERICANS TO AID ALLIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". PARIS, Apr. 2 (UP).—American volunteers—the first to cross the Atlantic—landed at Genoa to-day from the U.S. liner Manhattan.

They are immediately enlisting for Paris, and will form the first ambulance section of the American Field Service with the Medical Corps.

The unit includes thirteen men from Harvard University.

RECRUITING FOR THE R.A.S.C.

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The War Office announces that recruiting has opened from to-day for men between 45 and 47 for the Royal Army Service Corps.

Enlistment will be for general services, but the men will probably be employed in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.
Only clerks, typists, shorthand writers and motor drivers are required.

Burglar wakes up Wendy Barrie—and talks U.S. Embargo To Stand

NEW YORK.
FOR an hour a good-looking young burglar sat by the bedside of Wendy Barrie, copper-haired British film actress in Hollywood, who was born in Hongkong, and boasted of his exploits.

At intervals he seized her hand and made her pat his face. Wendy, who is twenty-six, was awakened at 4 a.m., according to the police report.

She cried, "Who's there?" and a gruff voice replied, "Never mind. Keep your eyes closed."

Then a gloved hand was clapped over her mouth and her sleeping shade was pulled over her eyes. "I want all your money and your diamonds," said the voice.

Finally Wendy persuaded him that she had no money in the house and that her diamonds were in the bank. Disappointed, the burglar sat down by the bed.

He showed her his revolver, then produced an icpick and a chisel and said: "That's part of my equipment. I'm the guy who robbed Richard Barthelmess and some of the others round here."

He went on talking, then, eventually realising that it was time to leave, said: "I like you. You're O.K. I'm going to pull a really big job one of these days. I'll send you on a diamond."

When the police heard about it they said to Wendy: "But you had a revolver. Why didn't you make him surrender?"

Wendy replied: "I'm just a heroine on the screen, not in real life. I was too scared to try anything like that."

Band Concert At Hotel

Kowloon Attraction For April 21

The Management of the Peninsula Hotel announces that on Sunday, April 21, a Military Band Concert will take place in the Lounge of the hotel from 9 to 11 p.m.

By kind permission of Major H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., and Officers of the Band of the 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) are providing the musical arrangements.

Under the conductorship of Mr. W. E. Kifford, A.R.C.M., Bandmaster, included in the evening's entertainment will be numbers by outstanding local vocalists, and the entire programme should prove worthy of the purpose, namely in aid of the British War Organisation Fund.

To augment the fund-raising programme is being compiled which will be on sale to the audience, and an admission charge of \$1.00 per person will be made.

Many are the music lovers in this Colony who would not doubt welcome a concert of this calibre, and it is hoped that the worthy cause will receive the cordial support which it merits.

Egypt Anxious About Future

Nationalists Ask For Assurances

CAIRO, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—After a two-day meeting of the Wafd (Egyptian Nationalist) Party, Nuhass Pasha, the Party leader, has handed a manifesto to Sir Miles Lampson, the British Ambassador, emphasising the unanimity with which Egypt has extended the hand of friendship to Britain, and her eagerness to offer all possible help to avoid any possibility of Egypt being stabbed in the back.

At the same time, however, the manifesto asked for tangible proof of Britain's willingness to respect Egypt's interests once the war is successfully concluded.

Berlin Reaction

BERLIN, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Political circles regard Mr. Chamberlain's speech as showing that the Western Powers will regard the rights of neutrals as non-existent if this suits their aims.

Sudan Rights

The manifesto also asks that Britain and Egypt shall enter into negotiations for recognition of Egypt's rights regarding the Sudan.

Sir Miles Lampson forwarded the manifesto to London to-day.

Nuhass Pasha reiterated Egypt's desire to co-operate in all spheres with Britain in the present conflict.

Russia's Overtures Believed Rejected

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).

During an hour's conference with Mr. Cordell Hull it is believed that the Soviet Ambassador, M. Oumansky, tried to shake his determination to refrain "a moral embargo" against the shipments of aircraft and aircraft material to Russia.

The meeting was requested by M. Oumansky.

It is not confirmed that they discussed the embargo, but Mr. Cordell Hull afterwards stated that the embargo was still effective against any country in the world that incurred its penalties.

Asked specifically whether the cessation of the Russo-Finnish hostilities meant a cessation of the embargo, Mr. Cordell Hull said that there was nothing now to be said on the subject.

An official interpreted this statement as meaning that the embargo is still in force.

Mr. Hull's Statement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". WASHINGTON, April 2 (UP).—The United States intends to maintain the "moral embargo" against the shipment of warplanes to Soviet Russia, despite termination of Russo-Finnish hostilities.

This statement was made by Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, to-day.

The statement was issued after the Soviet Counsellor, M. Constantin Oumansky, had conferred with the Secretary of State. It was the first interview between a Russian and American diplomat in three months.

Simultaneously, President Roosevelt has revealed that the Soviet Government had accepted his appeal of March 13 against the air bombing of civilians in Finland. Not even a formal reply to the U.S. Note was received.

TOURS MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

French Journalist In London

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—M. Frossard, a French journalist who is the Minister of Information, is now visiting Britain. He said yesterday that he was very much impressed by his tour of the Ministry of Information.

His tour included a visit to underground shelters where work can be carried on even while London is being raided by air.

He had a long talk with Sir John Reith, the British Minister of Information.

Sir John later announced that a British official will be sent to Paris to act as a direct contact between the two Ministries.

Both Sir John and M. Frossard will meet at regular intervals in London and Paris.

Important Decisions

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Important decisions regarding Allied publicity were reached to-day when Sir John Reith, British Minister of Information, and M. Frossard, French Minister of Information, met in London with members of their staffs.

Practical means of organising the collaboration of the two Ministries were decided upon in every domain.

Sir John announced that an officer was being appointed to co-ordinate the activities of the British Ministry of Information in Paris and to act as a close and constant channel of information between the two Ministries.

This officer will perform similar duties to those done by the representative of the French Ministry of Information who is working in London.

Further meetings will be held alternately in London and Paris.

ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES

Case Against Eurasian To Be Heard April 8

Appearing on remand before Mr. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with having obtained \$30 by false pretences, Charles Onslow, 40, unemployed, was remanded to April 8 for hearing.

Onslow was charged that, on March 30, he obtained \$30 from Leung Cheuk, master of stall No. 88 in Central Market, by falsely pretending that he had been sent to collect the money by Mr. Taylor of the Imports and Exports Department.

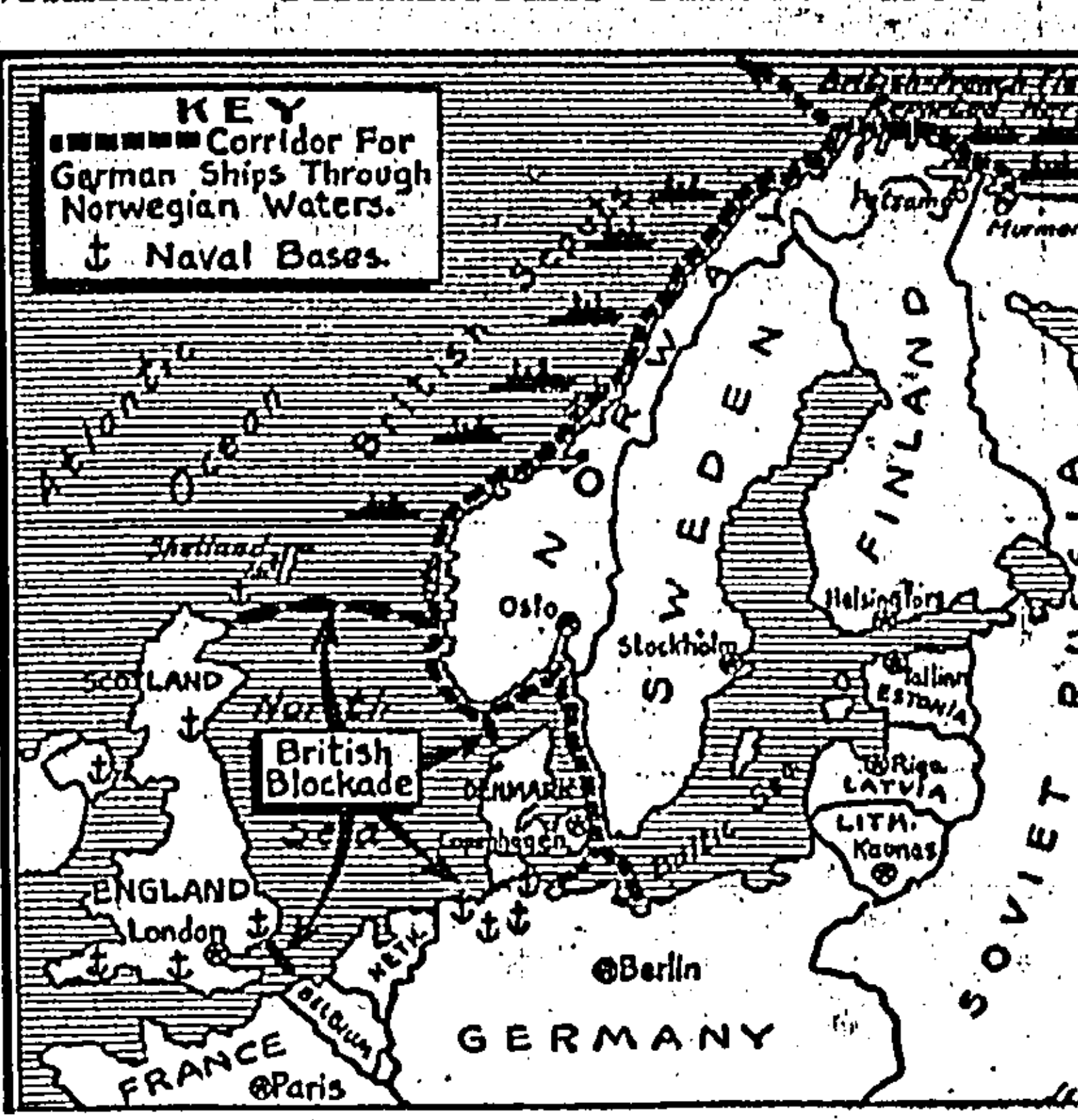
Det. Sgt. Cullinan is in charge of the case.

RUMANIA NOT TO DEMOBILISE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BUCHAREST, Apr. 2 (UP).—In view of the international situation, Rumania has decided that she cannot take the risk of demobilising any of her Army.

Special efforts will be made, however, to release certain men for agricultural work.

ALLIED THREATEN TRADE ROUTE



THROUGH THIS LONG corridor in Norwegian waters, the Germans have been successfully routing shipping against the Allied blockade. It is this corridor the Allies are determined to block.

EXTENSION OF THE ALLIED BLOCKADE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 2 (UP).—Mr. Chamberlain has warned Europe's neutral Powers that the Allies have decided to go the limit in the economic warfare against Germany.

MAP CAUSES A FURORE

Italian Press Becomes Very Indignant

PARIS, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The Foreign Office has issued a communiqué regarding the unwarranted excitement caused abroad by a map of Europe which figured in the background of a photograph taken at the Ministry of Finance during the recent meeting between M. Paul Reynaud and Mr. Sumner Welles.

This map has been represented as showing how the Allies intend to "shape the future of Europe" by carving up Europe and reconstituting an enlarged Czechoslovakia, Poland and Austria.

Frontiers "Touched Up"

The French communiqué points out that the map is merely one showing Europe's frontiers as they were before Germany's repeated aggressions during the past few years.

In the reproduction of the map the photographer touched up certain frontier lines, thus leading to misapprehension in the Italian press, which is agitated at the apparent inclusion of Trieste in Austria.

A message from Rome states that the photograph was reproduced prominently to-day in most of the newspapers with bitter anti-French and anti-British comments.

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Piracy Near Hongkong

Audacious Coup By Gang Of Armed Men

Armed pirates took possession of a Hongkong junk in British waters yesterday after stopping it by using firearms.

According to a report made to the Police by Shik Tsoi, a passenger on the junk, the vessel left Pak Sha Wu, Ho Fung district, on March 28 with a crew of nine and another passenger, a woman.

About 6 a.m. yesterday, when off Mak Mun, British waters, a large junk containing 20 men approached, fired shots and forced the junk to leave-to.

The pirates, after boarding, tied up the crew and passengers, and sailed towards Hongkong. Sgt. Stanley, the crew and passengers were ordered ashore and the pirates sailed away with the captured craft.

NAZIS ATTACK CONVOYS

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that enemy U-boats attacked our convoys in the North Sea this afternoon but were driven off by gun-fire.

At least ten bombs were dropped, but no hits were obtained and no damage was done.

The convoys are proceeding on their voyages.

Ten Bombs Dropped

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, April 2 (UP).—The Admiralty announces that German planes attacked a convoy in the North Sea this afternoon.

Ten bombs were dropped but no damage was inflicted.

The raiders were driven off by A.A. gunfire.

Exchange At A Glance

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LETTERS

Macao Incident

To The Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—We should be greatly obliged, if you would kindly allow us to insert a few lines in the valuable columns of your paper with a view to clearing ourselves of the report relating to the incidents said to have occurred at the Central Hotel. This report appears in your paper of yesterday's issue.

It is not true at all that some Japanese soldiers refused to pay for their meals, after having partaken of an expensive banquet at our Hotel. To our knowledge, such an incident has never occurred.

As for the incident said to have occurred at a Macao gaming house where armed Japanese soldiers forcibly compelled the croupiers to accept Japanese military notes, enquiries made by us in this connection reveal that none of the gaming houses, including those at the premises of our Hotel, have ever been molested by any Japanese soldier trying to alter Japanese military notes.

Thanking you in anticipation for the publicity service you would certainly render us in the interest of all parties concerned in the above mentioned report.

For The Central Hotel,
C. F. Fu,
for Secretary.

Macao, April 2.

Chengte Case Dropped

Japanese Apologise For Anti-British Display

PEIPING, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The British Embassy authorities have been instructed not to take further action in connection with the Chengte case.

It is learned that an expression of sympathy over the unfortunate incident was received from the Japanese Embassy authorities by the British Embassy authorities in Peiping.

The Japanese military spokesman states that the sincere regrets that such an incident should have occurred.

Incident Recalled

The incident was one in which Mr. D. J. Robey, British Vice-Consul in Peiping, and two members of the United Church of Canada Mission, Dr. E. B. Struthers, of Galt, Ontario, and the Rev. G. K. King, of New Brunswick, were threatened by anti-British demonstrators in Chengte, Honan, last month.

The party had received a Japanese pass to visit Chengte, where Mission property had been burned and pillaged. When they were in Chengte, some 30 anti-British demonstrators forced their way into their room and struck Mr. Robey and the Rev. King, neither of whom, fortunately, was seriously hurt.

The British authorities then lodged a complaint with the Japanese Embassy authorities, from whom the pass had been obtained.

French Chamber Adjourns

PARIS, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—M. Paul Reynaud made only a brief appearance during the Chamber Debate and did not speak.

The Chamber adjourned until April 4. This means that the Government will face the Senate first in Secret Session on the conduct of the war on Tuesday.

Achilles Heroes Cheered

WELLINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Four hundred officers and men of H.M.S. Achilles, the New Zealand cruiser, of the Great Spit battle fame, took part in a triumphal march through the streets of Wellington to-day.

Large crowds turned out to welcome them and Mr. Peter Fraser, the new Prime Minister, made a speech of welcome.

Coal Stolen From Hume Pipe Yard

Two and a half tons of coal, valued at \$150, were reported stolen from the yard of the Hume Pipe (P. & S.) Ltd., Castle Peak Road, sometime early yesterday morning.

MAGAZINE PAGE

COLONY'S BIGGEST CABARET SHOW

AN ALMOST continuous revue of cabaret numbers is promised by the Management of the Hongkong Hotel for next Saturday night, when patrons of the Gripps will say farewell to two of the most popular stars to have visited the Colony this season and will, at the same time, welcome back an old favourite team.

Fredric and Sandra Hartnell, who have shown Hongkong the real meaning of Swing, are closing their season at the Gripps in order to fulfil an engagement with the Oriental Theatre, and will make their last appearance on Saturday night.

Lanky, droll Dave Harvey, accompanied by the Dyer Sisters, arrive from Manila on Friday and will appear in conjunction with the Hartnells for a second season at the Gripps.

They need no introduction to Gripps patrons.

On Saturday night each team will present four acts, making a total of eight numbers of a calibre that is well up to leading metropolitan standard.

It will be one of the biggest cabaret nights witnessed in Hongkong.

THE Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club, now in its 96th year, will present Lesley Storm's light comedy "Tony Draws a Horse" at the China Fleet Club tomorrow night.

In the selection of this play the A.D.C. has been guided by ever increasing requests from the public for "something to really laugh at." With that in mind, the Committee could scarcely have made a better choice as many people recently returned to the Colony, who saw the play in London, will readily testify. "Tony Draws a Horse," according to last advice received, is still running at the Comedy Theatre and by this time must have exceeded 300 performances.

The theme perhaps, gives modern parents something to think about; inasmuch as it deals with the problem as to whether a child should be allowed to express his natural gifts freely, and depict life as things are, or whether these gifts should be curbed by convention. Tony, aged eight years, has a natural gift for drawing; but, to the conventional mind at any rate, his regard for biological exactitude causes some embarrassment. His parents each hold opposite views regarding his upbringing and Tony is the unconscious cause of a lot of trouble!

ON this occasion the China Fleet Club Theatre's stage will be taxed to its utmost as the play requires three sets. These have been designed by Mr. W. A. Cornell, who has combined

WHAT'S ON

QUEEN'S: "The Day the Bookies Wept."

ALHAMBRA: "The Secret of a Treasure Island."

ORIENTAL: "Fire Over England."

KING'S: "Music in my Heart."

MAJESTIC: "Hawallan Nights."

a good deal of ingenuity with his usual artistic ideas to make the staging possible in such limited space.

Rehearsals are proceeding apace, and the cast includes Sunny Hoi, Claude Burgess, Sheila Mackinlay, James Whitman, Beryl Fair, J. Roberts, San Pringle, Auguste Hoffmeister, Olive Green, Andrew Macdonald, Anne Dowbiggin, Gelston Gilmore, Peggy Chubb and Amedee de Boysson. Once again the A.D.C.'s production is in aid of the British War Organisation Fund.

M.G.M. is annoyed with the National Broadcasting Company of America.

The radio company announced it would give £1,000 to the Finnish Red Cross if Garbo appeared in one of their programmes.

Garbo's studio (M.G.M.) refused, pointing out that Garbo recently gave £1,000 to the Finnish Relief Fund.

Anyway, she has turned down offers of £4,000 to appear on the American radio.

SPEAKING of money, RKO-Radio spent more than any other Hollywood studio in 1939 buying the film rights of books and plays. They wrote out cheques amounting to £11,000.

Which reminds me that the highest price ever paid for the film rights of anything was the £400,000 that M.G.M. paid for "Ben Hur."

At the box office it took £2,250,000, including nearly £1,000,000 from foreign cinemas.

"GONE With the Wind" is due soon now—which reminds me that a skit on the search for that picture's star is about to be made.

It's called "Kiss the Boys Good-bye," and has been one of

Broadway's most recent and successful plays.

Clare Boothe, author of "The Women," wrote it.

I HEAR via America that there is a great boom in beer and the cinema in Germany just now, because everything else is either rationed or too expensive.

NEWS from Australia says that Mickey Rooney and George Formby are about the two biggest favourites down under.

Shirley Temple and Deanna Durban have slipped.

HOLLYWOOD is a town teeming with beautiful ingenuities, marble-chiselled juveniles, low-priced vintage wines, and half-priced bedroom suites. —Groucho Marx, writing in *Variety*.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Right now she's at the curious stage—yesterday she wanted to know what in the world I saw in her father!"

WIT IN WARSHIPS' BADGES

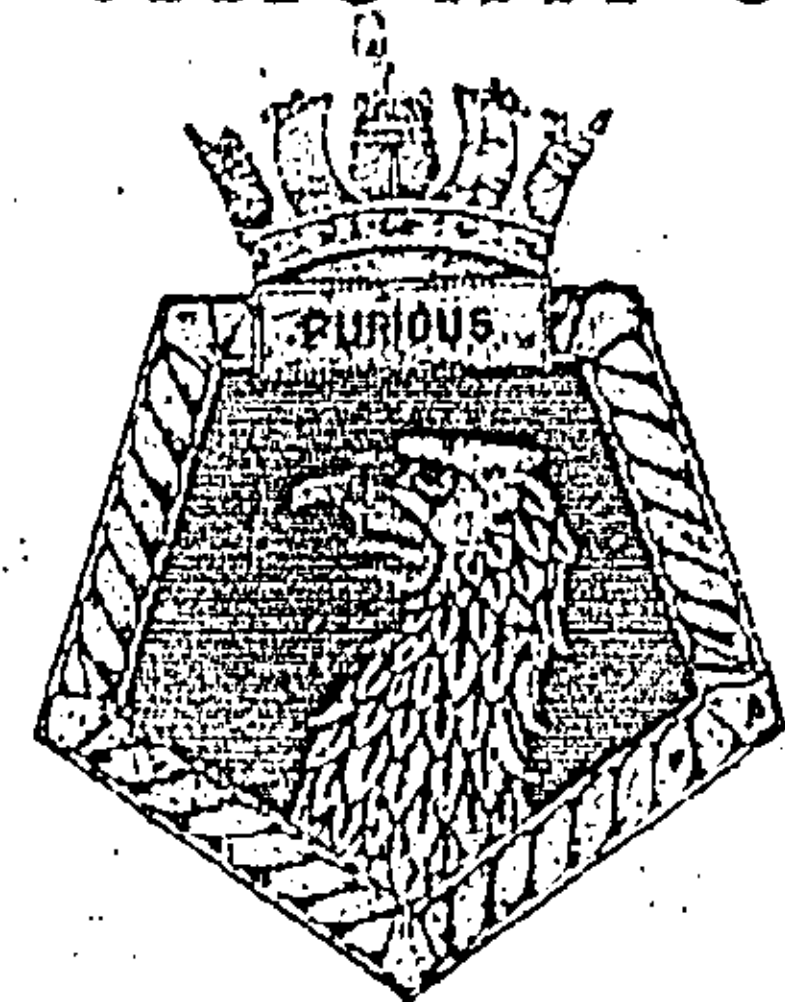
EVERY British warship has an official symbol, in the shape of the badge bestowed upon her by the Admiralty; that badge is to the warship what colours are to a regiment. All the history of these badges reveals ingenuity, officialdom—and naval wit.

Until the end of the last war, these badges had no official sanction; they came into existence more or less haphazardly. When a ship was commissioned, her commander could, if he so desired, have a badge made in the naval dockyard or aboard. There was no Admiralty ruling of any kind on the matter.

But when, during the last war, ships were pouring out from the shipyards, things began to happen. The Naval staff set to work. One of the first humorous badges was that which graced the destroyer H.M.S. *Tormentor*. The badge showed a large fish. Another warship, H.M.S. *Vanity*, had a badge depicting a beautiful mermaid admiring herself in a hand mirror.

But perhaps best-known of all in Naval circles was the badge of H.M.S. *Onslaught*. It consisted solely of a bulldog. The idea puzzled many Naval men until the Fleet was regaled with the inside story.

A very excited and much gold-brained officer came to inspect the



The badge of H.M.S. Furious.

ship; seeing the badge, he asked for an explanation of its origin. He was told that when she was commissioned for service one sailor

asked a shipmate what the word "onslaught" meant. The reply was "a so-and-so rush," and the badge was conceived there and then.

A Red-Taped Sloth

TWO came two final incidents which officialdom could not ignore. When H.M.S. *Hebe* was commissioned, she sported a badge showing a blonde barnard drawing beer. That was Incident No. 1. Incident No. 2 concerned H.M.S. *Whitehall*, a vessel about to be commissioned. The rumour got round that her badge was to be the finest ever devised—a large sloth tied up in miles of red tape! Officialdom hastily decided that the time had come to call a halt.

So the whole question of badges was reviewed. When the war ended all ships remaining on the Navy list were allowed to keep their badges, provided they were considered suitable. Those that were unsuitable were changed and the design and issue of all badges were regularized.

Nowadays, the badges and details of a ship's war honours form a composite whole, the honours appearing on a scroll below the badge and hours of capital ships appear inside a large circular scroll; those of cruisers in a design with five sides; those of auxiliary vessels in a diamond-shaped outline; and those of destroyers inside a shield.

In the larger vessels the badge is fixed at the fore-end of the quarter deck. Small ships, such as destroyers, can have the badge displayed elsewhere. The destroyer H.M.S. *Boreas*, for example, has a badge in front of the badge. It shows a face with the cheeks puffed out and blowing hard, this representing Boreas, or the North Wind.

Oak for Sturdy

MANY of the present badges are obvious from the ship's name. That "off-sunk" aircraft carrier H.M.S. *Ark Royal*, has a badge which shows Noah's Ark surrounded by a crown. H.M.S. *Bruce* sports a badge depicting a spider mounted on a St. Andrew's Cross. The badge of H.M.S. *Rocket* shows the ancient steam engine of that name. H.M.S. *Sesame*, as most of us will appreciate, has a badge which simply displays a key.

When H.M.S. *Sterling* was named, a mistake was made. Her name should have been *Stirling*, after the Scottish town, when she would probably have sported a badge of the town's arms. But *Sterling* she remained, and the badge designed for her shows the familiar £ sign.

All classical allusions are carefully followed. The badge of H.M.S. *Cyclops* shows a single eye on a background of flame, a striking reference to Greek mythology. Polyphemus, the most famous of the Cyclopes, was a one-eyed giant whose single eye was put out with a blazing stake by Odysseus.

The badge of H.M.S. *Sturdy* shows a British oak, and that of H.M.S. *Valiant* a fighting cock. Another badge which all Londoners will appreciate is that of H.M.S. *Greenwich*. It shows an hour glass above a star, so combining Greenwich Mean Time with the work of the astronomers of Greenwich Observatory.

Badges may not have the long tradition of Army colours, but they are now so firmly established that anyone who speaks slightly of them does so at his own peril.

D. J. M.

Commissioned Warrant Officers wear a stripe corresponding to that of a Sub-Lieutenant.

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MACAO RUMOURS

No Interference By Japanese

The Portuguese Government has issued an official statement through the acting Portuguese Consul-General in Hongkong, Mr. F. P. de V. Soares, repudiating press reports that the Japanese have interfered in Macao affairs.

Many Refugees Leave

Macao, Apr. 1. Finding in Macao no means of livelihood, many of the Chinese village refugees are gradually passing through the Barrier Gate in the effort to return to their work in the rice fields. These country folks recently poured into Macao just before the Japanese occupation of Chungshan. It is reliably learned, however, that of the 200 persons a day who are making the trek homeward, not a few are being turned back by the Japanese militia who have set up their authority in the area. The reason being given for their return is that the Japanese are selecting persons for work on the arable land and those considered unfit are not being given permission to return. The Kee Kwan motor buses have resumed their hourly service from Macao to Shikoi and, in consequence, the journey of the villagers is being conducted on foot.

Japanese Garrison

Macao, Apr. 2. A highway connecting Shuntak and Chungshan is being prepared by the Japanese authorities and en-

gineering parties are doing the surveying work.

The Japanese garrison in Chungshan have been reduced to 1,000 Japanese and 2,000 puppet troops. Most of them are at Shekhi, Hengmi, Siliang, Changkapin, Taiwangpu, Tongkawan, Heungchow, and Tain-shan.

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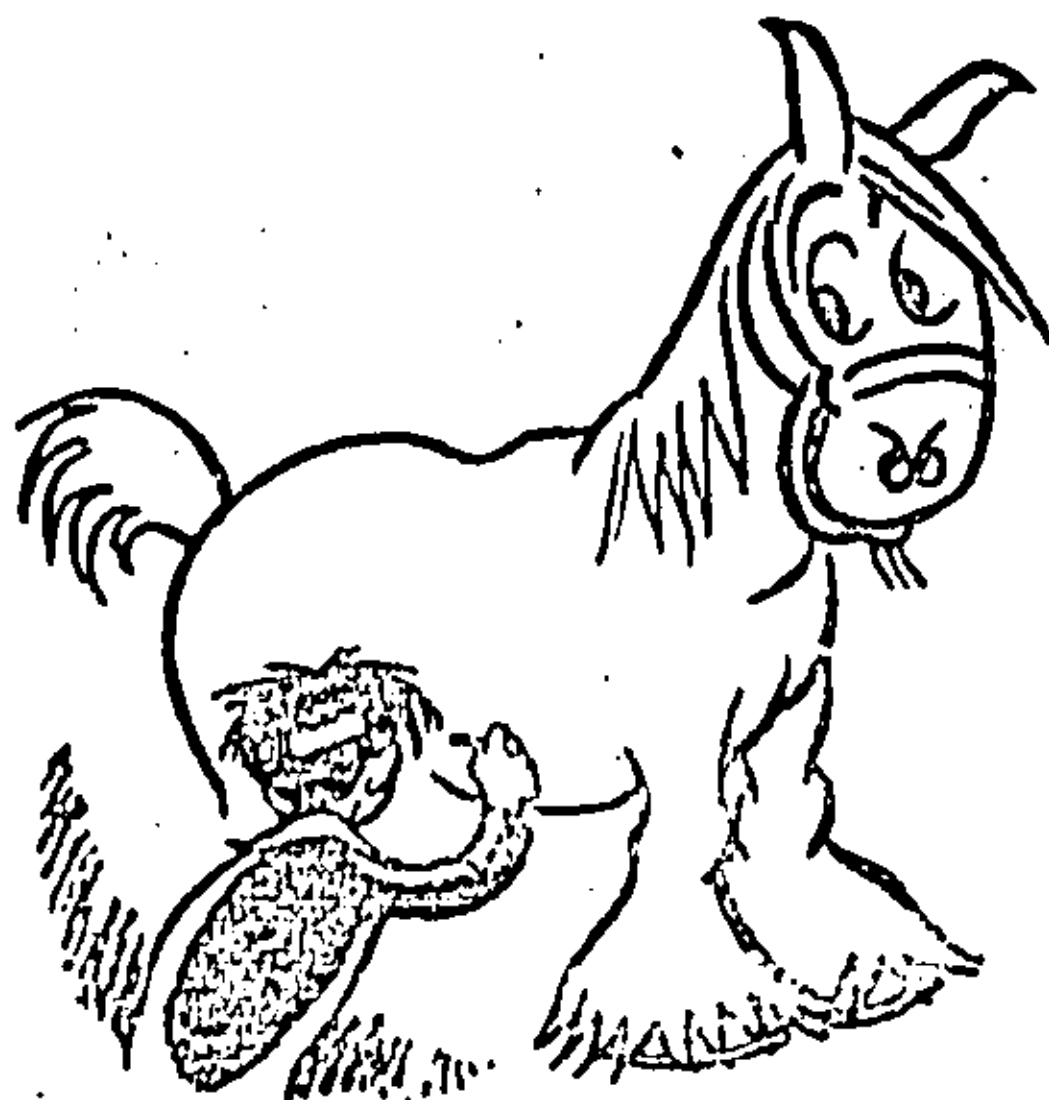


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SHANGHAI, April 2 (UP).—Informed quarters, commenting on the report in the "Hongkong Telegraph" that Japan may utilise the Chinese Maritime Customs revenue as a lever in an attempt to force recognition of Wang Ching-wei, draw attention to yesterday's report from Nanking.

This report (also quoted by the "Telegraph" yesterday) quoted Chou Fo-hai, Wang's Finance Minister, as stating that the new Nanking regime would recognise foreign debts, but would "determine payment according to the nature of the debts."

A large proportion of third Power debts are secured by C.M.C. revenue. Informed quarters in Shanghai agree that Wang Ching-wei is hopeful that the offer of payment on loans will induce third Powers to accord recognition to his government.

No Compromise

It is doubtful, however, that any of the major Powers, particularly the United States, will compromise on this basis. It is pointed out that the United States has continued to loan money to the Chungking Government, despite defaults on earlier loans.

It appears, therefore, that Washington is either confident of Chungking's eventual ability to meet old obligations, or the Far Eastern situation is more vital from a strategic viewpoint than from a monetary viewpoint.

The offer of repayments on outstanding loans is only one of the methods by which Wang Ching-wei will seek third Power recognition, according to well informed quarters.

Other methods will include regulation of trade, residence and travel in the areas controlled by Nanking, whereby nations of third Powers will be forced to seek visas and permits through the Wang Ching-wei administrative offices. Nanking, it is believed, will otherwise refuse to admit foreign nationals and goods.

Many local business-men anticipate major efforts by Nanking on these lines, whereby Wang Ching-wei will gradually increase the problems besetting third Power nations.

Anglo-French Policy. Observers, commenting on the "Telegraph" report, refuse to predict the future course of British and French policy towards Wang Ching-wei in view of the Allies pre-occupation in Europe.

The consensus of opinion is that Britain and France will refrain from following a policy antagonistic to that

Soldiers Cast Their Vote

No Changes Caused in Canadian Elections

OTTAWA, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The votes of Canada's soldiers, sailors and airmen to-day were added to the civilian votes in the general election without, however, causing a single turnover throughout the country.

The active service vote favoured Opposition National Government candidates, but took nothing from the sweeping triumph scored by the Liberals.

The total Services' vote was found to be 59,942 of the 90,000 or so who were eligible to vote.

Supporters of National Government candidates pulled just 50 per cent. of the total cast and Liberals 41 per cent., the bulk of the remainder going to Co-operative, Commonwealth Federation candidates.

JOHORE'S NEW WAR TAXES

SINGAPORE, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The State Council of Johore, one of the Federated Malay States, is increasing its existing taxes and has brought in new ones to provide for an annual contribution of £200,000 for the Imperial Exchequer.

Financial quarters point out that even if Nanking pays China's loan in small instalments, it will be many years before Britain is able to recover the amount equivalent to the total she has put into the Anglo-Chinese Stabilisation Fund to support China's national currency in the past two years.

They doubt, therefore, whether even the halt of repayment of loans from the accumulated revenues of the Chinese Maritime Customs, at present held in the Yokohama Specie Bank, will be sufficient to induce Britain to reverse her policy towards China.

How U-Boat Was Sunk

Effectiveness Of The "Asdic" Detector

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—In connection with the scuttling of the German freighter Mimi Horn, naval eyewitnesses reveal how a German submarine was sunk when it ventured too near a convoy on January 30.

The U-boat had successfully torpedoed a neutral steamer (believed to have been the Greek ship Keramira) which is the only neutral ship to have been sunk while being conveyed. An escort vessel located the U-boat by means of the "Asdic" apparatus, designed for submarine detection, and sank the German vessel with depth charges.

All but one of the German crew were saved.

German White Paper Mocked

American Press Adopts Sarcastic Tone

NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The American press is not very impressed by the German White Paper, which puts the responsibility for the war on the shoulders of the United States Government.

Indeed, the "New York Herald Tribune" makes fun of the White Paper, which says that the cause of war, "believe it or not," seems to be as follows:

Nobody in Germany wanted war or dreamed of it. Hitler sought only peace. He occupied Austria in the name of peace, he invaded Poland only because there was no other way of preserving peace.

Hitlerian Dove Of Peace. While the Allies were satisfied to accept at their face value the truly pacific nature of Hitler's successive steps, the American diplomats put the idea into their heads that the German invasion of Poland and the bombing of Warsaw might be construed as acts of war.

The presumption is, sarcastically continues the "Herald Tribune", that had it not been for the Americans the Allies would have had nothing to do with it.

They would have accepted the German war as Poland's only "slight of the Hitlerian dove of peace."

Now Reason For White Paper. BERLIN, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The Nazis have now thought of a new reason for the issuing of the White Paper. It was intended to persuade the Russians that they are on the right side of the fence.

These documents, says the "Berliner Morgen Zeitung" will give men of the Kremlin an opportunity to see the machinations of their opponents and the correctness of their decision in making a non-aggression pact with Germany.

Crude Authorship. SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (UP).—The "New York Daily News" published photostatic excerpts from the White Book which were radiated from Berlin.

Two different translators agreed that the book is "written in such poor Polish that no statesman could have been guilty of its authorship."

No Examination. SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (UP).—Senator Robert Reynolds formally introduced a resolution seeking an examination by the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee of the reports made by Mr. Sumner Welles and Ambassador William Bullitt, but his demands got a cold reception in both Houses.

Senator Tom Connally cautioned Senator Reynolds, saying "I am willing to rely on Mr. Hull and President Roosevelt to handle this delicate situation."

Senator Alben Barkley said: "I do not think we should give more credence to the White Book than to Mr. Hull and our diplomats."

Perhaps It Was Meant As A Joke

But London Newspaper Thunders Reproof

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Some kindly person in the United States has sent Sir Joshua Stamp, Chief Economic Adviser to the Government, a parcel of tinned sardines, cheese, chocolate, honey and butter.

Devoting its leading article to this to-day, the "Daily Telegraph" comments that it is appalling that some people should think that the people in Britain are suffering privations so severe that even the Chief Economic Adviser would welcome sardines, cheese or chocolates as though he was unaccustomed to these luxuries.

It is almost fantastic to imagine such credulity could exist outside of Germany, the paper continues.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that at least one neutral country in Europe is less well off than Britain.

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NAZIS ALSO HAVE PLAN

Meeting The Allied Blockade Threat

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STOCKHOLM, April 2 (UP).—A possible German plan to counteract any future decrease in iron ore shipments from Narvik is seen in the announcement to-day that two German shipping companies are resuming trade in the Gulf of Bothnia and the Baltic.

Belligerent Powers

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—If our territory is attacked we must repel the aggressors with all the forces at our command," declared M. Stoeckl, the Minister of Defence, when speaking at Upsala to-day.

He added that should anyone threaten their independence they would take up arms and defend themselves to the best of their ability.

Fate Always Uncertain. As long as great Powers were engaged in a struggle to the death, he said, Sweden's fate remained uncertain.

At any moment new and serious dangers might arise and they must always be ready.

Sweden was a small country, he said, and the means at their disposal did not permit them to indulge in threats. Consequently they must seek their independence in a policy of neutrality which was based upon the respect of Sweden's legal rights which treat belligerents in an impartial manner.

Nazi Terror In Poland

Prisoners Subjected To Torture

PARIS, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Further reports of alleged German methods of terror and extermination appear in the official Polish journal published in Paris.

It is stated that this terror attaining its maximum intensity in the provinces "incorporated" into the German Reich.

The average daily killings taking place in Warsaw during March were estimated at from 10 to 15. People found in the streets of Warsaw later than 8 p.m. are shot.

Made To Lick Motor Cars. It is declared that torture is the order of the day in the prisons and it is alleged that Mayor Bydgosz was ordered to clean motor-cars belonging to the Gestapo by licking them. When he protested he was shot.

It is stated that the Nazis are especially implacable against religious orders and congregations and that Poles are not permitted to marry.

Wreck Of German Freighter Found

COPENHAGEN, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has issued a communique stating that the wreck of the Edmund Hugo Stinnes, the German freighter which was sunk by a British submarine, is lying one and a half sea miles off the Danish coast, that is, within Danish territorial waters.

The communique adds that the Danish Minister in London has been instructed to make representations to the British Government.

More Graf Spee Internees

BUENOS AIRES, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Fifty more German sailors from the Graf Spee left Buenos Aires to-day for internment in the interior of Argentina.

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Nazis New War Plane

Can Attack Any Part Of Britain

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BERLIN, April 2 (UP).—The German papers to-day for the first time mention a new Messerschmidt bombing plane—the "Jaguar".

The Air Force magazine, "Der Adler," revealed that the plane has two motors developing 3,000 h.p. and carries a crew of four and a number of both heavy and light machine-guns. The plane has a flying range great enough to attack any point in Britain, the magazine declared.

The D.N.B. (Official German News Agency) report said the Jaguar has already undergone a successful test in bombing attacks over the North Sea.

More Taxation Indicated

Middle Classes Likely To Be Affected

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The London press is chiefly concerned with the new Budget which most of them feel will make further demands on classes earning from £5 to £12 a week.

If the Budget is to be raised properly by loans and taxes a very large sum will have to be raised from a certain stratum of people.

Other sections are already taxed, the papers point out, and further taxation of these sections would not go very far towards meeting the bill.

A man earning £30,000 a year now pays 17s. in the pound in taxes. Can't Take From Very Poor. Not much more can be taken from the very poor classes. The war therefore cannot be paid for without further taxation of a large growing section earning from £5 to £12 a week.

The press feel that if every one could save 10 per cent. of their food consumption it would be a great help in providing exchange and shipping space. It would therefore, be a most valuable addition to our fighting power.

Women And Children To Be Mobilised

Italy's New Decree

ROME, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—A Cabinet meeting under the presidency of Signor Mussolini has decided to revise the laws concerning the organisation and mobilisation of the nation in time of war so as to make public administrations, citizens exempt from military obligations, and women and children over 13 liable to mobilisation.

It has also decided that all iron gates except those of churches, gates having artistic or historic value and those belonging to the Holy See, diplomatic representatives and foreign consulates be demolished.

The material thus collected will be bought by the State at a price to be fixed by the Ministry of Corporations.

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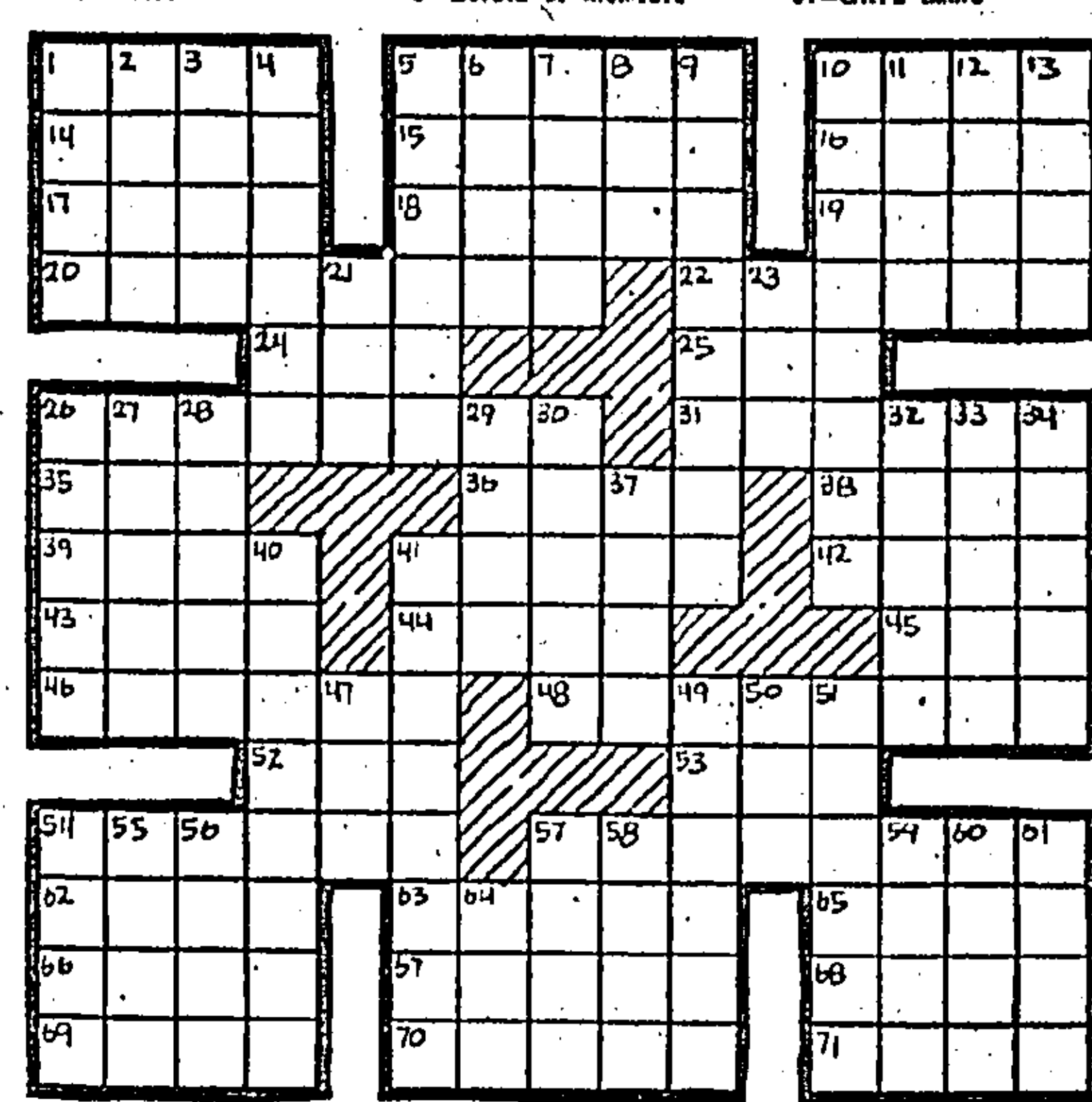
Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS
1—Trunk of tree
2—Small hooded mammal of Asia Minor
3—Small piece of
4—Kind of gem
5—Kind of bird poetry
6—City in Nevada
7—Fish (abundant)
8—More (abundant)
9—Standard quantity
10—East (abundant)
11—Interfere, unasked
12—Unsure
13—Kiss
14—Locally constant
15—Persians to fashion
16—Mimic
17—English nobleman
18—Deal with war
19—Fresh information on current events
20—Cause to move slowly
21—Auditory organs
22—Drunkard's patient
23—Fifteenth of March
24—Act of loading
25—Chastity
26—Civil War general
27—Twice
28—House confederate
29—Prison nation
30—Moderately warm
31—Plunder
32—Avoid by artifice
33—6,330 feet

DOWN
1—Macaroni
2—Dresser
3—Discretion
4—Crash for temporary use
5—Dry index
6—Catty (cat)
7—Pop
8—Treading
9—Artificial window
10—Musical drama
11—Grass with edged leaf
12—Requiem
13—Flowers
14—Innocent person—testify
15—Mistake
16—Bird house
17—Thin eruption
18—Deluge forth on waters
19—Amplified phrase
20—With maiden name
21—Drillings
22—Edge of object
23—Bird house
24—Breeze
25—Doubt
26—Natural drift of
27—Gravel
28—Inland place
29—Cavity
30—Mist and vegetable dish
31—Girl's name



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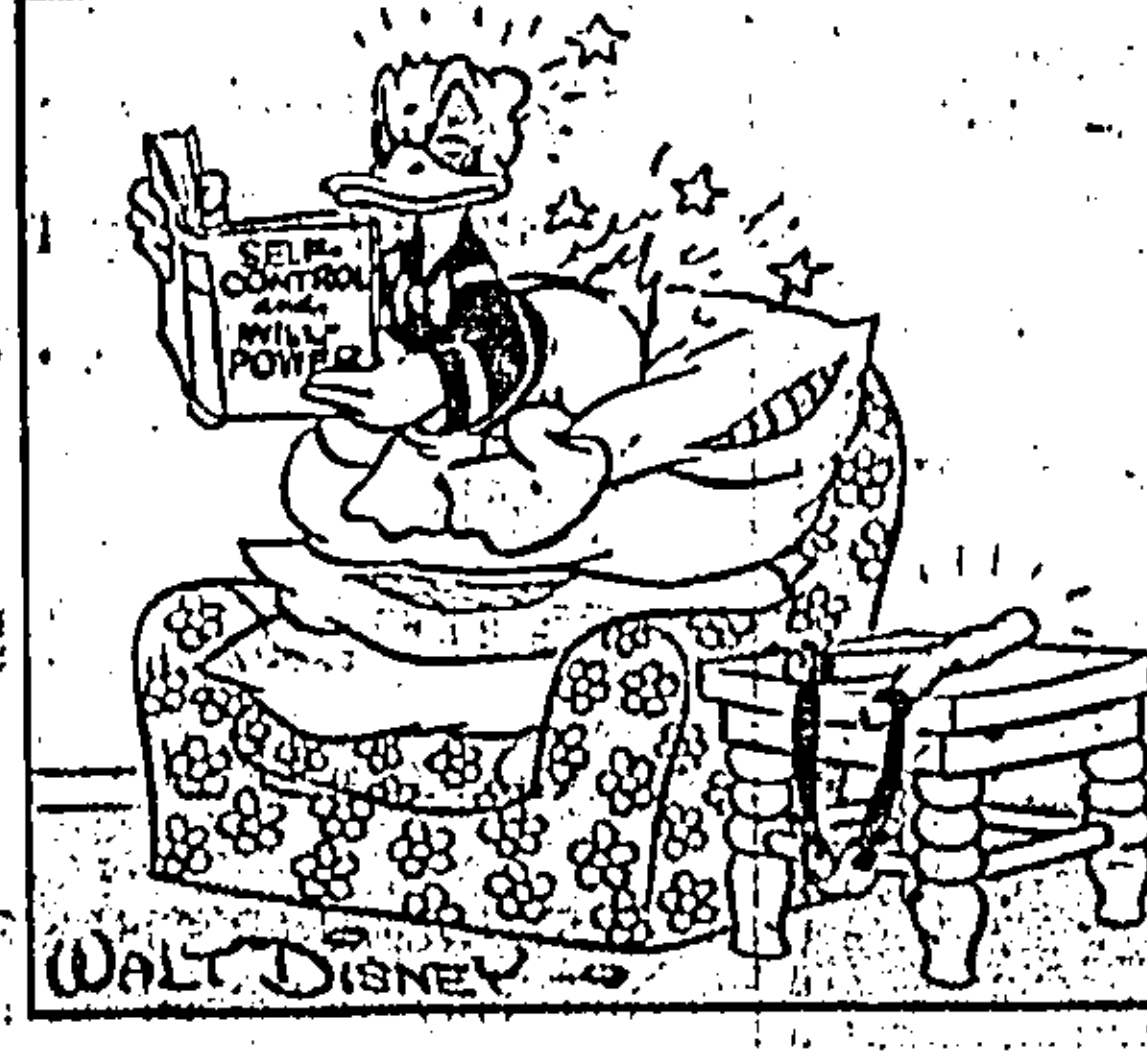
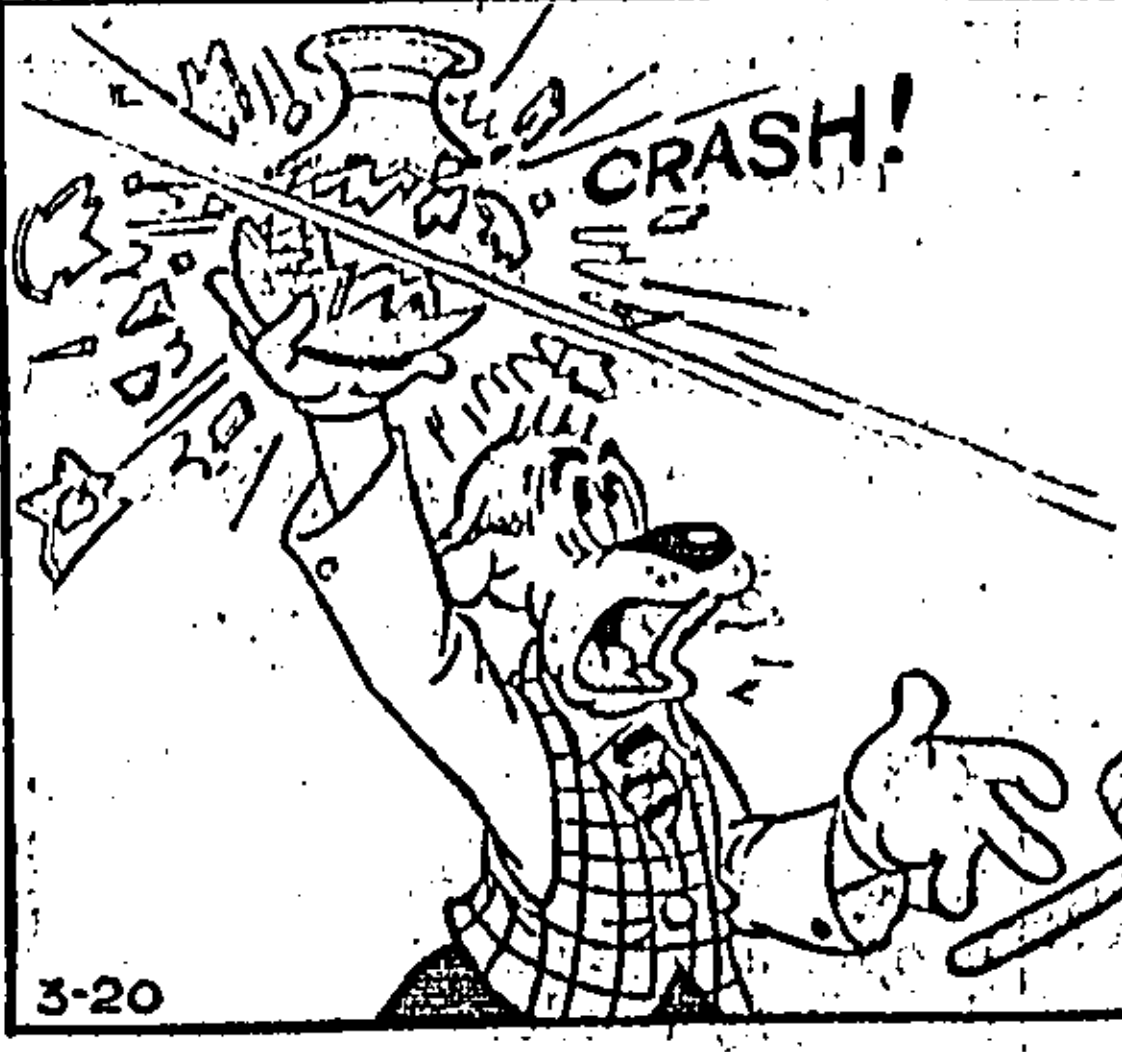
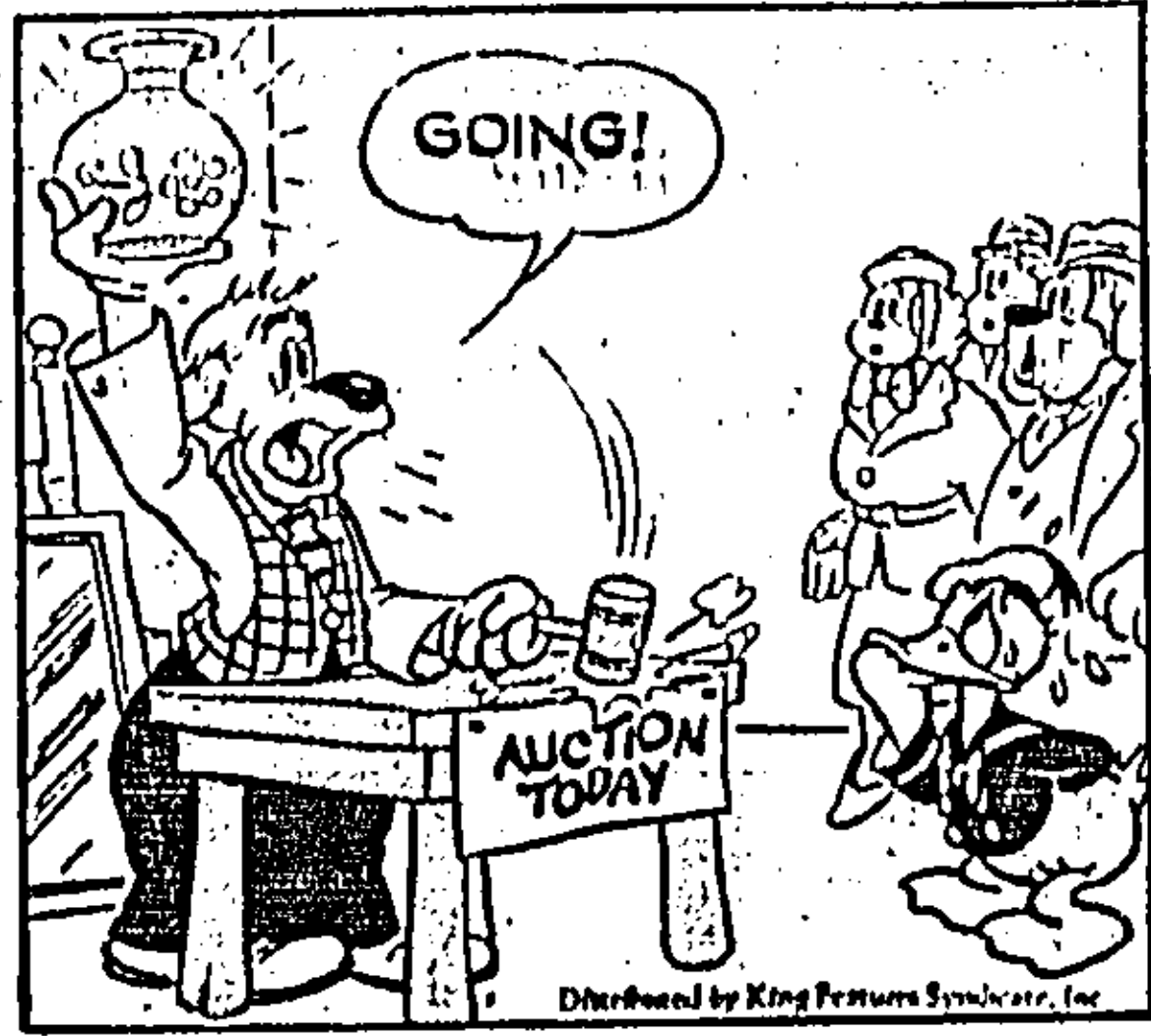
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9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Talk on "The Empire at War" recorded by The Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald.

9.45 Variety with George Formby, Elsie and Doris Waters and Others.—The Lancashire Toreador, The Window Cleaner, George Formby and His Ukulele with Orchestra, Scenes from "Our Betters", Getting a Wife, Getting a Motor, Constance Collier and Ronald Squire, Darts, With Gert and Daisy, At the Court of Good Queen Bess, Elsie and Doris Waters with Orchestra, Said the Little Brown Hen, Trailing Around in a Trailer, George Formby and His Ukulele with Orchestra, Who'll Buy My Bubblicious, Emory Deutsch and His Orchestra.

10.15 A Chopin Recital by Arthur Schnabel.—Nocturne in B Flat Minor, Op. 9, No. 1; Andante Spianato, Op. 23; Polonaise-Fantaisie No. 7 in A Flat Major, Op. 11.

10.35 Schumann—Symphony No. 4 in D Minor, Op. 120.—London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

11.00 London Relay—"Matters of Moment"—Talk by Minister of Economic Warfare.

11.10 Close Down.

NETHERLANDS PROTEST

THE HAGUE, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Dutch envoy in Berlin is charged to make a serious protest against air attacks on three Dutch fishing vessels and especially against the "intolerable violence" in the case of the sinking of the Protinus.

The Netherlands government asks that measures be taken against the offenders and reserves the right to claim indemnity.

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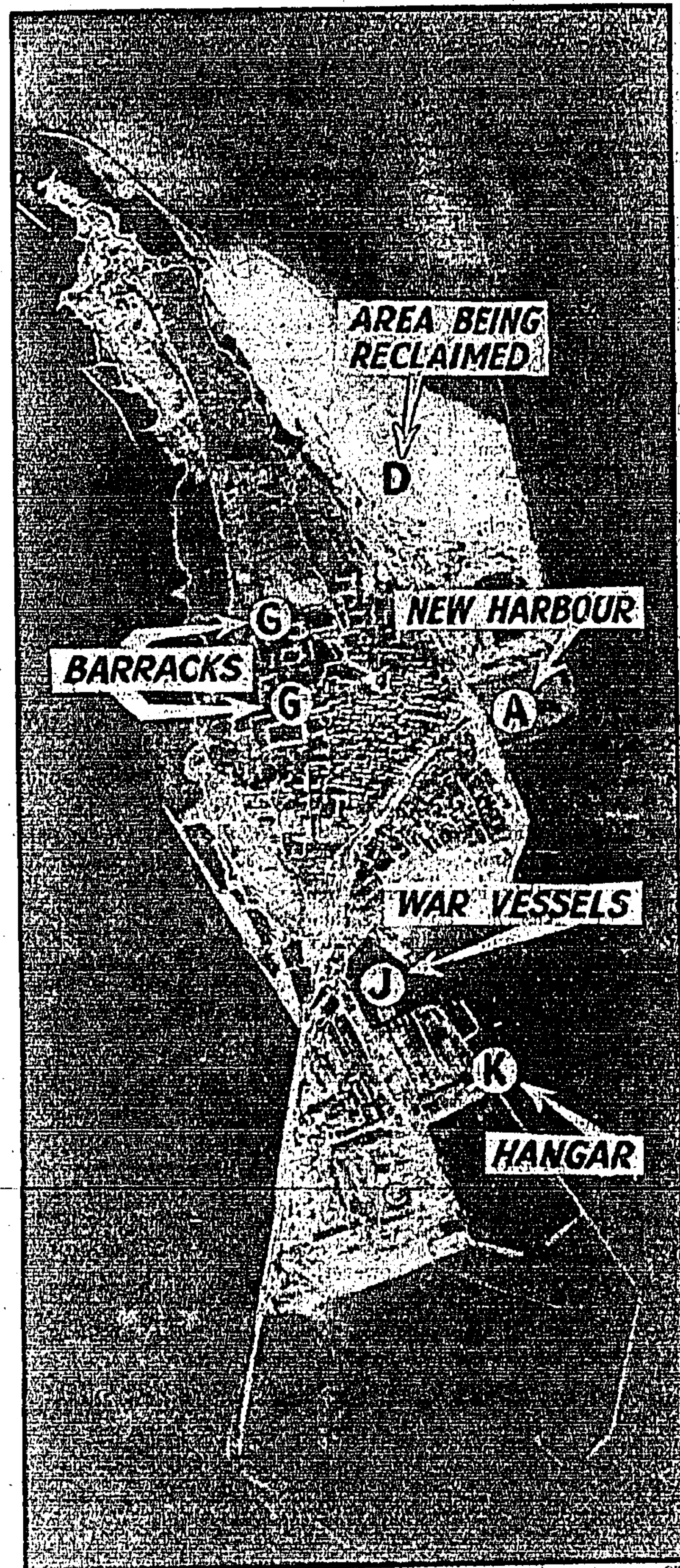
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No Wireless Licence

Chinese Fined \$25 For Offence

For possessing an apparatus for radio communication without a licence, Leung Chok-sin of Kramer Street was fined \$25 by Mr. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day.

Mr. James Key, Wireless Inspector, said Leung's house was visited on March 4 and a cabinet receiver was found connected to an out-door aerial. The appearance of the wires indicated that it had been installed for a long time. A licence was taken out the day after the raid.

Prevalent Offence

Mr. M. A. da Silva pleaded guilty for Leung and, in mitigation, said that the set had been bought some considerable time back but had not been used at all until the beginning of March when it was put into proper condition. The reason the wires looked old was because it was apparently second hand. An application for a licence had been sent in prior to the raid. It was purely a technical offence.

Mr. Macfadyen said that was the trouble. Even if the set was not in use it should not be kept on the premises without a licence.

Vehicle Drops Sixty Feet

Court Sequel To Fatal Accident

Sequel to an accident in Tai Hang Road on April 1, when a shop assistant was killed while riding in a motor cycle combination, was the appearance before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning of Li Kan, 23, rice-shop assistant, charged with driving the vehicle without due care and caution.

Admitting the offence, Li said he lost control when a motor car appeared in his path.

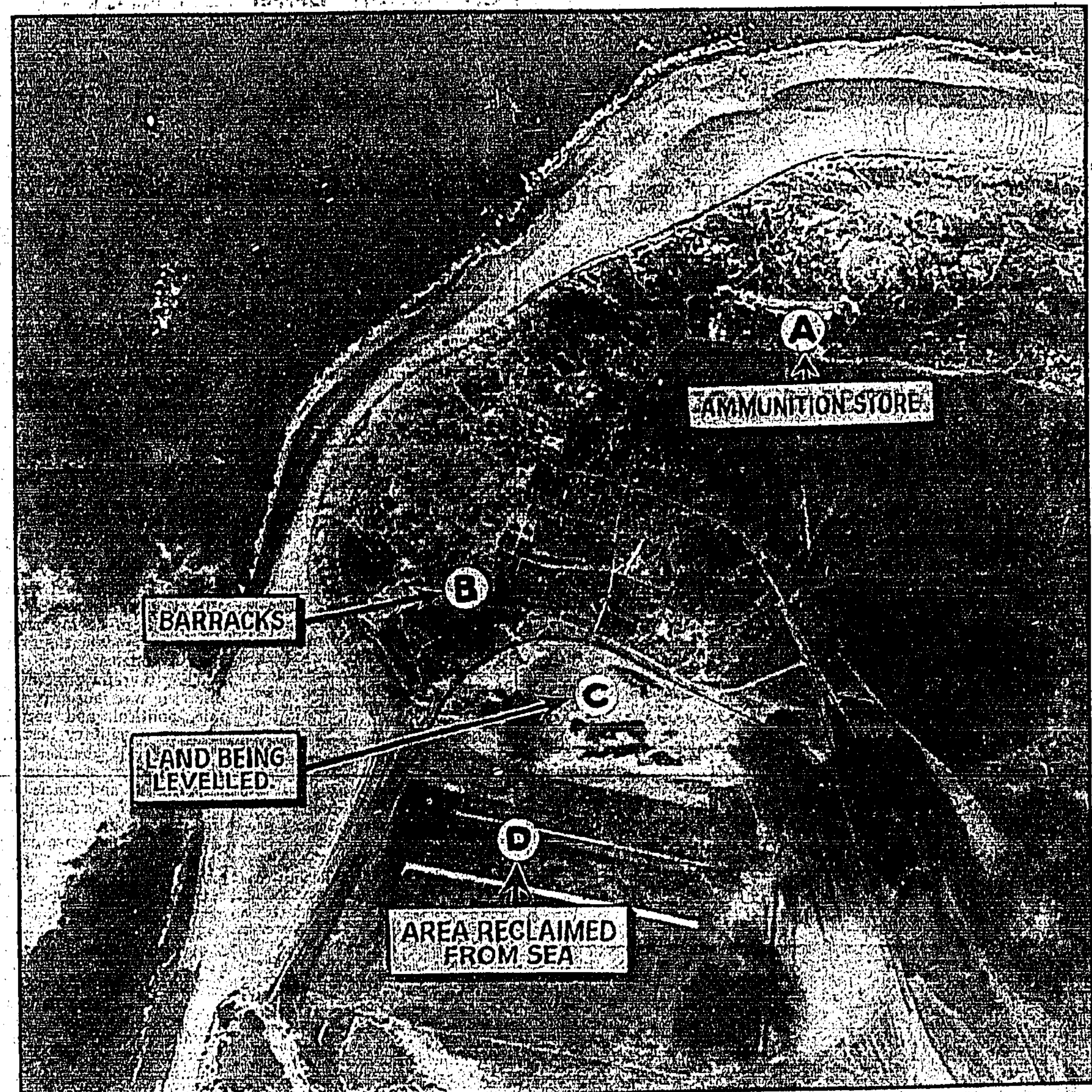
Plunged Over Hillsido

Traffic Sub-Ins. F. J. Clarke said that about 9.30 a.m. on April 1, Li was driving a cycle down Tai Hang Road. In the body of the vehicle was another man. According to eye-witnesses, Li was proceeding down the road at a terrific speed from the How Far Mansion. The machine suddenly left the road and plunged over the hillsido into Illumination Terrace, a drop of approximately 60 feet.

Li managed to scramble off before the machine dropped and was uninjured, but his companion suffered injuries of such a nature that he died shortly after admission into hospital.

Li was fined \$20 or a month's hard labour.

R.A.F. Mapping Cameras Keep Watch As NAZIS BUILD AERODROMES AT NEAREST POINT TO BRITAIN



R.A.F. PILOTS, gunners and photographers risked their lives for these pictures, which show how the Nazis are rapidly completing new air-bases as close to Britain as they can place them.

The island on the left is Heligoland. Note that great expanse of sand on the right. It was not there just before the war. It is new land

reclaimed from the sea-bed to make a flying field for warplanes.

Now look at the other picture. It shows Langeoog, in the Frisian Islands, the nearest German territory to Britain. Here, too, a great area of land has been reclaimed from the sea and levelled from the sand dunes to make a war aerodrome.

Gauss Off To Australia

Former S'hai Consul's Appointment

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". SHANGHAI, April 2 (UP).—The U.S. Minister-designate to Australia, Mr. Clarence Gauss, departs for the United States by an American liner to-morrow.

Mr. Gauss will be joined by his wife and son at San Francisco and will then proceed to Washington, where he will confer with President Roosevelt.

After taking the oath as Minister to Australia, Mr. Gauss will cross the Pacific for Sydney, from where he will journey inland to the Australian capital to take up office. He will be the first U.S. Minister to Australia.

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The acting rank of Air Vice-Marshal has been granted to Air Commodore K. T. Park and N. H. Bottomley, states the London "Gazette".

BRILLIANT CHINESE PHOTOGRAPHER HERE

A brilliant young American Chinese colour photographer, the adopted son of an American writer, has arrived in the Colony to make colour shots of China and the Far East for various publications. They arrived together from San Francisco.

He is 17 year-old Lee Mun-king (William Lee Wooster) who was adopted five years ago by the American writer Mr. Jack Wooster in San Francisco. They first met when the young Chinese boy, who was finding a living by selling newspapers, attended a photography class conducted by Mr. Wooster at the Y.M.C.A. Discovering that the boy was a born photographer Mr. Wooster had him trained for five years with Eastman Kodak Company.

Experts Astounded

The boy's shots of San Francisco's Treasure Island Fair have astounded experts, who claim that the boy is one of only eight photographers who have perfected the art of colour photography.

Mr. Wooster, who is 40, has also two other adopted Chinese sons. They are Chan Kam-shui (Walter William Wooster), 17 years old and

Wong Kin-fat, 21, who are helping him with his export business.

Quiet Stock Exchange

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange, quietly firm conditions characterised to-day's markets in which gilt-edged securities slowly improved while rayons were further bought by provincial investors.

Gold-mining shares were higher on general buying.

Wall Street was firm.

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Semi-official circles profess not to be worried about Soviet supplies to the Reich. "The Soviet cannot properly supply themselves, let alone the Reich," they comment.

Jockey Club's Handsome Gifts

B.W.O.F. & China Relief Funds Benefit

The British War Organisation Fund and the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China have each benefitted to the extent of \$61,250 as a result of the Hongkong Derby which was run in February.

According to an official statement by the Secretary of the Hongkong Jockey Club, cheques for \$61,250 have been despatched to the two funds as a contribution from the Jockey Club from the result of the Hongkong Derby sweep.

It is interesting to note that a record number of tickets were sold on this year's Derby, the 700,000 mark being passed before the sweep was closed. The first prize amounted to \$297,020.

Battle Over Nazi Lines

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, April 2 (UP).—A report from the Royal Air Force in France states that three Hurricanes engaged nine Messerschmitts over the German lines to-day.

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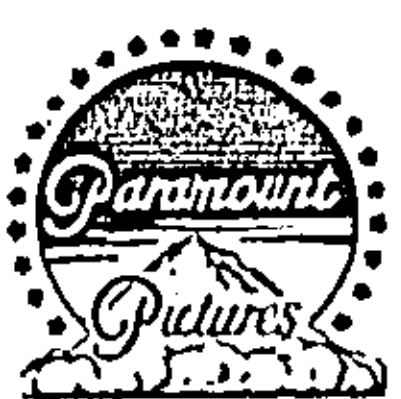
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125 Days Of War

WE look back to-day upon 125 days of war. They have given us grim proofs that the Crusade, to which the Empire is pledged will be a conflict demanding all its tenacity and energy. But thus far the war, as the Prime Minister has remarked, has been "of a different kind from what we expected." Lightning strokes have been for three-quarters of a century the master principle of German strategy. Having launched its lightning on Poland, Hitlerism showed no capacity to find a swift decision in the West. Experts had anticipated, and Hitler and his lieutenants had threatened, great air attacks on Britain and France. Not one has been attempted. German aircraft have come rarely, sparsely and with results discouraging to their comrades. Our machines have proved the better, our bombers frequently driving off and sometimes shooting down German fighters, our own fighters winning even greater success than was estimated. It is certain that as the weeks and months go by the Air Forces of the Allies, already able to deal deadly blows, will develop a strength much greater than that of Germany. On land also the course of events has justified the Greek historian's dictum that "least of all things war goes according to fixed principles." After Poland had been overrun, the mechanised columns and swarms of aircraft which effected the brutal rapine were sent across to confront the Maginot Line. They remain confronting it and impotent.

It was not thus that German generals waged war when they had faith in their power to win. We all remember how a successful blow against Russia in the last war was the prelude to mass offensives on the Western Front. During the weeks of Poland's gallant resistance the French completed their great concentration on the frontier and a British Expeditionary Force of 150,000 joined them, its journey overseas unaided by the German Navy or Air Force. Since then thousands more British troops have crossed the Channel every week. It is now a fortress war on the Western Front—a war of endurance—and such wars, as history has recorded again and again, Britain and her Allies win. Into the struggle at sea Germany has put her main effort and her most ruthless brutality. There is no optimism in the conclusion that the campaign of submarine and mine has been baffled, and air attack on merchant shipping has not proved the menace that some quarters anticipated. Sea power has given Britain the throttling power of blockade. That has been exerted far more drastically than in 1914. All the essential goods for which Germany has to rely on ocean-borne supplies are now denied her. No bullying of neutrals, north or south, no further humiliations before Russia, can remedy that. Our blockade is now rapidly destroying Germany's power to export overseas and so draining her dry of foreign credit. But it is clear that we shall have to put forth still greater efforts. Our forces by air and sea and land must be developed, and that requires intensive organiza-

- The most significant statement in this article last month was made by Signor Muti, new Secretary of the Fascist Party—"Italy may, at any moment find herself under the necessity of taking up arms."
- The famous Signor Gayda, who voices the opinion of authoritative Italy, explains where his country stands to-day.

SIX months have elapsed since the outbreak of the war, and many people are asking, "What does Italy think?"

The thought and attitude of Italy are considered important, in fact, decisive, because she is the greatest European nation who to-day is not participating in the war and because her known policy, openly declared by Mussolini, has not put her definitely outside the war.

Italy, first of all, has found that the new war promises to be very long, uncertain, terribly costly and exhausting. It appears, therefore, to more than one Italian to be a useless war. All forecasts regarding the war have been denied by facts. The explosion of mass implacable and destructive air aggression which was expected has not materialised. Neither party wish to be the first to begin it—to avoid reprisals. The very dreadfulness of air war has, in fact, prevented its outbreak. Both sides have hesitated to start a war of movement and resolute assault in the Napoleonic and even the Prussian tradition.

It is not the presence of the two opposing lines of defence, the Maginot and Siegfried Lines, formidable as they are, which has discouraged this initiative. It is rather a different calculation as to the method of war to be desired.

Allies' Plan

At the end of the 18-day war on Poland, Germany declared that she did not wish to undertake the responsibility of a war in the West, of which she did not feel the necessity. Great Britain and France, on the other hand, calculate on the necessity of saving men, who are less abundant than money in their countries.

They therefore, intend to conduct the war more on an economic, political, and social basis than on a military basis.

The two democracies, in substance, expect victory by the implacable—and static—siege of the whole of Germany, who, by internal consumption of resources not compensated by new supplies, would gradually exhaust her powers of resistance without undertaking any great battles.

But it is these very prospects that make the war more than ever uncertain and stricture.

THE Western democracies must calculate actually on Germany's capacity to resist for a very long time.

Statistics are not sufficient to explain the phenomena of resistance in war. They have already been found lacking in the fatal war of sanctions against Italy.

In the present case, Germany must be considered as supplied not only with a resolute spirit of resistance, but also with most abundant material means.

During recent years she has accumulated vast stocks of raw materials, iron, copper, rubber, and cotton. Her economic independence, on the other hand, ensures her new possibilities of autonomous productions and supplies.

Plenty Of Cash

Germany has also at her disposal abundant cash reserves, consisting of—

First, considerable gold and appropriated currencies accumulated during the mark crisis, when, profiting by the speculation in almost every country in the world, she changed her own worthless paper for gold and gold-backed money.

tion of supply. Though the negative power of the blockade is now becoming effective, we have only begun positive action. Our blockade needs a strategy of the offensive, the occupation of markets held by Germany, the acquisition of supplies which Germany might obtain.

WHAT ITALY PLANS

By **Signor Gayda**



"The present position (in the Mediterranean) does not coincide with a just European order."

Secondly, by many commercial credits in dollars made by the United States.

Thirdly, by a favourable trade balance over a long spell of years; and,

Fourthly, by the occupation of Austria and Czechoslovakia and the consequent transfer to the Reichsbank of their abundant bank reserves.

In addition, this static and blank method of war allows Germany to save war material and to intensify her production of munitions.

THERE is no doubt that in the long run Germany's powers of resistance may be worn out.

This method of war, however, may eventually also cause serious, even irreparable, damage to the Allies, not only economically and financially but also in regard to their imperial interests. The more scattered and greater these interests, the more vulnerable they are.

In these conditions, the war shows itself, from my Italian point of view, as being both uncertain in its outcome and above all anti-European.

For this latter reason Mussolini tried as hard as he could to prevent the war and later to stop it.

Among their reasons for being so certain of victory, France and Britain brag about the superiority of their economic and financial means and their maritime and political dominion throughout the world.

This is naturally a theme which must be linked with the problem of that "Better Europe" which echoes so frequently in speeches in the belligerent countries.

It is evident that, so long as there exist in the world a few countries so powerful as to give them almost automatically an assured victory before even a war is fought, there cannot be in Europe a healthy balance of power nor, therefore, a real guarantee of peace.

The Versailles system has increased instead of diminished the disparity of resources between European nations, out of proportion to their quality and their human and civil rights.

From the inevitable crisis of this system arose first the European political crisis lasting 20 years and subsequently the new war.

In the new "Better Europe," which is to be one of the bright outcomes of peace, equilibrium must be established.

Another boast of the power of the two democracies frequently echoes through the British and French Press: that England is in a position to close the Mediterranean at her discretion because she has in her hands the control of its entrance and exit.

By what are these newspaper claims prompted?

Do they wish to remind Italy of her position as a potential prisoner in the Mediterranean?

The dissertations of the French and British Press on the possible closing of the Mediterranean warns us in time that the present position does not coincide with that just European order, which should infer the freedom and parity of positions for all nations.

ITALY'S conception of a better Europe is very simple.

Italy does not seek in Europe or the world any particular privilege for herself. She is against all systems which give obvious or hidden supremacy to one nation or nations.

She has still some vital problems to be settled, problems which were aggravated instead of solved by the Versailles system.

The solution of these problems, according to evident Italian needs, cannot be further delayed. It is now necessary that all the great European Powers understand this clearly.

It is necessary that they shall recognise and accept these particular Italian needs and rights, which are summarised in two phrases: Free and fertile space for expansion of the Italian population, which asks only the right to work and produce in peace on Italian territory; freedom of life and movement of the Italian nation, which is entitled to claim the elimination of every system of foreign control.

But Italy maintains that her needs can find their solution in a more balanced, sane and just Europe than that which came out of the Versailles workshop.

How will this Europe be formed? With what power of war or peace? It is still difficult to foresee.

CERTAINLY ITALY DOES NOT INTEND TO BE ABSENT

FROM ITS FORMATION. TO THIS END ITALY FOLLOWS THE NEW EUROPEAN CONFLICT AND THE COURSE OF EVENTS NOT AS A NEUTRAL POWER BUT MERELY AS A POWER NOT TO-DAY DIRECTLY INTERESTED. BUT READY FOR ANY EVENTUALITY OF PEACE OR WAR.

Italy would like to hope that to reach the new European order the extension of the war would not be necessary.

Her policy hitherto has been to limit the conflict, and, in fact, she has been able to succeed, notwithstanding the threatening clouds which first appeared in the Balkans and the Mediterranean.

But only the course of events and the development of political and military plans of the belligerents will show whether the war can be confined to its present sphere.

SOVIET Russia's advance into Danubian Europe and her pressure on Balkan Europe bring, in the meantime, new problems.

Does a Communist menace, such as many foreign newspapers would like to make out, really exist in South-East Europe?

Italy cannot be indifferent to this contingency. In fact, Italy's interests are permanent and vital, as she borders on Danubian Europe and has to-day become the greatest Balkan Power of Europe.

Italy is not prompted by any aggressive plans against Soviet Russia, and for this her attitude is different from that of other Great Powers.

Italy intends only to prevent the expansion of Communism and its consequent threat to civilisation, order, and sanity in Europe.

Italy's policy in regard to Communism is in substance an integral part of her policy of a sane and Civil European order. Soviet Russia may remain tranquil inside her own borders, and Italy will have no objection.

But if Communism should attempt to advance towards zones of vital interests to Europe and Italy, Fascism will know how to reply.

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Lever Against Roosevelt

Purpose Of Nazi White Book Revealed

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The "Zürcher" Berlin correspondent says that high hopes are held in Berlin that the White Book will arouse a strong reaction in America and strengthen the hand of those who recommend strict non-interference and neutrality.

Hopes Destroyed

Hardly any attempt is made to conceal the fact that it is intended to provide American opposition with a weapon for use against the President.

In Rome, the "Osservatore" in an editorial, describes M. Molotov's speech as disquieting for all neutral countries. Scandinavian states are warned once again not to conclude any agreement. Even defensive agreements are unwelcome to the aggressors.

M. Molotov emphasised that the volume of trade between Germany and Russia was inferior to that between Russia and Germany. He also endeavoured to acquit Bolshevism of being an instrument in the hands of Germany. The Soviet Union "will follow its own policy whether it pleases these gentlemen or not."

This warning is not directed only against the English and the French. These words are not likely to reinforce Berlin-Moscow solidarity.

Crave Words

The words of Stalin's loud-speaker have a particular gravity at a moment when an attempt is being made to show Russia as a country guaranteeing Balkan peace. The insistence on the Bessarabian question and the Butenko case seemed to be intended to stimulate discord. If Moscow intended to reveal to the world its well-known determination to intrigue in the Balkans it could not choose more specious motives. Poland and the Baltic states have already shown the value of non-aggression pacts signed by Soviet Russia.

M. Molotov's allusion to Turkey is key. The speech contains no trace of intention to renew Turkish-Soviet negotiations means that Moscow has lost all hope of unhooking Turkey from the Anglo-French-Turkish mutual assistance pact.

Soviet "Neutrality"

M. Molotov accuses the Allies of organising Finland as a springboard for aggression against Russia, whereas in fact the Anglo-French-Soviet negotiations failed for the reason that the Allies did not accept the Soviet demand for a free hand in the Baltic and the Scandinavian states. While the Allies are accused of endeavouring to find pretexts for enlarging the conflict, the Soviet intends to remain "neutral." But Europe has had several examples of Soviet "neutrality" since last September.

The "Goleborgs Posten" says: "England's circumspection in handling Russia shows a respect of Russia's military power. M. Molotov was nasty towards the Allies and very respectful to Germany, but binds him to neither. While the Allies had Germany, the Soviet picks a bit here and there at a cheap price."

"However much she smarts, Germany must keep a cheerful face to the malicious game. England has long been a master at turning the blind eye."

Mistrust Increased

The "Dagens Nyheter" referring to the possibilities of naval warfare in Scandinavian waters, says: "Officially directed utterances in the German Press have in all their frenzy not clearly stated what consequences might be and which will undoubtedly be carried out. It is a natural reaction that seafaring countries like Sweden and Norway should lack the understanding for sudden feelings about absolute respect for international law and neutrality on the part of the German Press chorus."

The Stockholm "Dagens Nyheter" with reference to M. Molotov's speech, considers that the rumours of a possible West Powers-Soviet rapprochement are certainly premature. "Molotov's speech increases the mistrust against the Soviet Union from every side. Churchill strengthens the impression that the Western Powers are now completely determined to take energetic action."

14 LEAVE H.K. BY CLIPPER

The Pan American Philippines Clipper left Kai Tak this morning on her return journey with 14 passengers, 12 of whom were going to Manila.

Passengers for Honolulu were Mr. Alfred Kemperle, executive of D.N. E. Walker Co. San Francisco, who is returning to Honolulu after an extensive trip to the Orient; and Mr. Henry Lamond, manager of Henry Lamond and Company, Honolulu, who has just made his annual inspection tour of the Philippines, China and Japan.

For Manila were Mr. Jack E. Horton, representative of the RCA Victor, and Mrs. Horton; Mr. Lucian Rocke, of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, and Mrs. Rocke; Messrs. Marcello Nubla, Roman Mabin, Gurinam Thawadas, Yang Shih-zung, Ng Foo, Mrs. Yan Go, Master Kien Chua and Miss Eng Chua.

MANAGER-DIRECTORSHIP FOR MR. J. TAGGART

Warm Tributes Paid At Annual Meeting Of Green Island Cement Company

The appointment of Mr. J. H. Taggart to the post of Managing Director of the Company was announced by Mr. J. Scott Harston, Chairman, at the 51st annual meeting of the Green Island Cement Company held at the Company's office in Exchange Building this morning.

Mr. Taggart was credited with having, by reason of his financial acumen and business instinct, saved the Company from the disaster of liquidation with which it was imminently threatened in 1934.

Death Of Old Employees

Mr. Scott Harston said:

"Before proceeding with the ordinary business of the meeting, I desire to record on behalf of your Board an expression of deep regret at the recent passing of two of the oldest and most respected members of your company's staff, who retired on pension during the years 1930 and 1931. I refer to the late Mr. Manuel Augusto Figueiredo, who joined the service of the Company on January 1, 1900, in the capacity of Accountant, and retired on September 30, 1930, after thirty-two years' loyal service. Mr. Figueiredo unfortunately passed away on December 28 last. The other member to whom I desire to refer is the late Mr. Oscar Mirandolindo dos Santos Oliveira, who entered the Company's service on July 1, 1902, in the capacity of Chief Clerk at the Hok Un Works, and after thirty-eight years' faithful service retired on pension on December 31, 1938, and, to our great regret, passed away on February 12 of the current year. The heartfelt sympathy of your Board is extended to the widows and relatives of these two gentlemen, to which sympathy your Board has given practical effect by capitalising on an actuarial basis for the benefit of the dependents the pensions which, in more fortunate circumstances, would have been paid to the two gentlemen in question."

Chairman's Report

On reference to the credit side of the Profit and Loss Account, it will be observed that the balance brought in from Working Account amounted to \$307,224.14, as against a figure of \$404,135.64 under the similar heading for the preceding year, thus recording an increase of \$233,088.50. On the contra—debit—side of this Account the figures under the respective headings are, more or less, self-explanatory. I would, however, draw your attention to the fact that this year provision has been made for depreciation to the extent of \$70,454 in regard to amortisation of the plant, machinery and floating craft—this being the first occasion whereon reintroduction of this debit item has appeared in the accounts—since the drastic writing down effected in the reorganisation of the finances of the Company undertaken in the year 1934, when, as you will doubtless recollect, the relative capital assets were written down by some \$3,000,000.

After debiting recurring charges, together with a donation of \$100,000 to the British War Organisation Fund, to the balance carried to the credit of Profit and Loss Appropriation Account amounts to \$551,116.10, as against \$404,615.02 for the previous financial period, and, taken in conjunction with the sum of \$124,778.22 brought forward from the previous year, makes available for appropriation a total of \$675,894.32, which your Board recommends be allocated as follows:—To pay a dividend of \$1 per share on 105,494 shares—\$105,494; to pay a bonus of \$0.75 per share on 105,494 shares—\$79,120.50; to transfer to general reserve Account, bringing same up to \$1,000,000—\$150,000; to distribute to Staff—\$17,307; to carry forward to the financial year 1940—\$106,382.82, total, \$675,894.32, and I trust that such recommendation will meet with the approval of shareholders.

Turning to the balance sheet, on the assets side thereof, I would direct your attention to the terms stocks in hand, standing at \$1,454,657.00, which figure when taken in conjunction with those of Sundry Debtors \$180,000.20, Investments as at market value on December 31, 1939, \$310,415.00, together with cash in hand and at credit of Current Account \$99,290.29, makes a total of \$2,064,372.29. This last mentioned figure, less that of Sundry Creditors \$2,002,870.67, leaves a balance sheet, amounting to \$222,005.38, represents an excess in current assets of \$1,935,005.20 over liabilities, or an improvement of \$359,539.35 over the resultant figure covering similar headings for the previous year, thus registering a considerable improvement in the liquid position of the Company, which I venture to think shareholders will regard with satisfaction.

Reserve Adjustments

On the liabilities side of the balance sheet the only items appearing to call for explanation relate to the adjustments effected in the Reserve. In this connection it will be noticed that, whereas at the end of the year 1939, the Reserve stood at a figure of \$1,160,000 in the last published accounts, i.e. as at December 31, 1939, your Board during the year under review decided to inaugurate a Depreciation Reserve by transferring the sum of \$300,000 from the General Reserve to the credit of the Depreciation Reserve as insuranted, thus reducing the General Reserve to \$860,000. Your Board further decided to augment the Depreciation Reserve by allotting thereto from the Profit and

Loss Account for the year 1939

(as already referred to), a sum of \$70,454—which Reserve, therefore, now stands in the accounts at \$376,454. Should the appropriations submitted for your consideration—all of which have been incorporated in the accounts now before you—be ratified, the General Reserve will stand at a figure of \$1,000,000, owing to the addition of the sum of \$150,000 allocated to that Account from the profits of the year under review.

The effect of the proposed adjustment of the reserves is to reduce the net book value of the plant, machinery and floating craft to \$642,934.36, which your Board think may be regarded as an exceedingly conservative figure, when compared with the original capital investment, and the residual life values of the relative assets. Whilst on this subject I would add that, in view of the materially improved financial position of the Company, your Board contemplates that in future depreciation shall form an annual charge on profits, which policy, I have no doubt, will meet with the approval of shareholders, in view of the fact that under the altered financial circumstances of the Company, the inclusion of such a charge in arriving at production costs is legitimate and advisable under the ethical principles of orthodox accountancy.

Trust Conception

Turning to the Investments and Exchange Fluctuation Reserve, it will be noted that in conforming to the purpose for which such Reserve was created, this Account has been utilised as an adjusting medium against the fluctuation in market values of the investments in our Company. In consequence our investments are included in the assets at a figure which represents the market values thereof ruling at December 31, 1939, thus affording a true conception of the liquid position at the close of the financial year.

It will be observed from the figure of \$1,454,657.00, at credit of the heading "Investments," that a substantial increase during the year has been effected in the stocks of raw materials on hand at your Hok Un Works. This is in conformity with the policy of your Board to maintain supplies at a volume capable of meeting, as far as possible, any emergency arising in connection with the production of cement, and those in prospect. It will doubtless be a source of satisfaction to shareholders to learn that the Company has in situ at the present time at Hok Un Works over 100,000 tons of limestone, 8,000 tons of coal and 5,000 tons of gypsum, which stocks, taken in conjunction with further supplies recently entered into, should provide adequate resources for the operation of your works at maximum output during an approximate period of two years.

It will be appreciated, however, that prices of all raw material, together with particular, have advanced considerably, and owing to the prevalent hostilities in Europe, there appears little prospect of any amelioration of these conditions; rather is it indicated that higher figures may be anticipated. In dealing with this aspect vis-a-vis production costs, I may say that it has been the policy of your Directors in the past, and one to which they propose to conform in the future, to endeavour to maintain retail prices at as low a level as is reasonably possible commensurate with production costs, which latter are perforce materially influenced by the factors to which I have referred.

Maximum Output

Notwithstanding the heavy calls made upon it, owing to the constant demand for a maximum output, your plant at Hok Un has been well maintained and continues to function to the complete satisfaction of your technical staff; also I am pleased to be able to state that your manufactured product maintains that high degree of quality which is actually in excess of the exacting requirements demanded under the British Standard Specification—a standard which has been synonymous with the name of "Green Island Cement" during the past 50 years, an achievement only made possible by the possession of a plant and equipment which will bear favourable comparison with any lay-out of a similar nature elsewhere, supported by the vigilant surveillance at all times exercised by your mechanical and laboratory staff.

In the foregoing circumstances, and in expressing profound appreciation of the unfailing devotion of your manager, Mr. Taylor, and his staff to the interests of the Company, I feel confident that the proposal of your Board to implement such expression in a practical manner by voting to the staff a bonus of 15 per cent on their salaries for the year under review.

Mr. Taggart's Appointment

Before closing, I wish to refer to another important matter in connection with the conduct of your Company's business, namely, the fact that your Board—pursuant to, and in consonance with, the powers vested in it under your Company's Articles of Association—recently unanimously appointed Mr. Taggart to the post of

Managing Director of the Company—an appointment which your Board consider not only necessary, but also highly desirable from every point of view.

As most, if not all, of the Company's shareholders are aware, Mr. Taggart has during the past ten years, taken very considerable interest in the welfare of the Company, and has, in fact, been responsible, more than any other director, for the conduct of its affairs. He also may, I think, be accorded the credit of having, by his financial acumen and business instinct, saved the Company from the disaster of liquidation with which it was imminently threatened in 1934. During practically the whole of the past 10 years, and more especially since 1934, Mr. Taggart has kept in constant daily touch with our most efficient manager, Mr. Taylor—who is also our present acting secretary—regard to the innumerable details connected with the business of the Company, such as the surveillance of current expenses, the making of contracts for the supply of raw materials and the maintenance of the plant and equipment. Furthermore, Mr. Taggart has periodically prepared and circulated to his Co-Directors tabulated statements containing minute details of account in reference to turnover, sales, etc.

The whole of the foregoing has been undertaken by Mr. Taggart voluntarily and without any remuneration other than that received by him as an ordinary director of the Company—which latter position the Board propose, as a matter of common equity, to rectify very shortly.

In recording these facts I desire to express on behalf of the Board and myself, and also—as I consider I may fairly do—on behalf of the shareholders, our deep appreciation of all that Mr. Taggart has done in the above regard.

Secunder's Speech

Seconding the Chairman's proposal, Mr. Croucher said: In rising to second the formal proposal submitted from the Chair, covering the appointment of Mr. J. H. Taggart to the post of Managing Director, I have every confidence that I am voicing the views of shareholders, when I state that we have listened with no little interest to the lucid and comprehensive survey which you, Mr. Chairman, have just given us concerning the financial position and general activities of our undertaking.

That this Company has been enabled to surmount the difficulties with which it was beset some seven years ago and, despite the vicissitudes encountered, to attain to the position of financial strength and solidarity, as recorded in your constructive resume and evident from the accounts which we are presented, is no mean tribute to the tenacity of purpose and able management of those to whom the administration of its affairs have been entrusted, covering a protracted period of considerable difficulty, and on behalf of shareholders I desire to express my sincere and hearty congratulations to the Directors for the remarkably fine showing displayed by the figures now placed before us, which reflect great credit on those concerned.

In this connection I particularly desire to associate myself with the well-deserved tribute to Mr. Taggart, whose work on our behalf since he joined the Board is largely responsible for the sound position our Company is in to-day.

Wise Election By Board

In these abnormal times when decisions affecting our company have to be made without loss of time I feel the Board have been wise in electing him Managing Director. It must be a further source of considerable satisfaction to learn that our plant at Hok Un has been working at maximum capacity during the past year, and that notwithstanding the difficulties encountered, resultant upon prevailing world wide conditions, arrangements have been effected to ensure an adequate supply of raw material to our factory, thus making possible continuity of output against any contingency likely to arise.

Whilst dealing with this aspect of our activities it is but fitting that those responsible for the maintenance of our Plant and equipment should receive some tangible recognition of their efforts, and the additional responsibilities devolving upon them. In the circumstances, I feel confident that shareholders will be in accord with me in supporting the recommendation covering the payment of a bonus to the staff, which well-deserved tribute to the interests of the Company have contributed so materially to the results with which we are to-day presented.

With these few remarks, I give me great pleasure, Mr. Chairman, to second the formal proposal submitted by yourself, covering the adoption of the Report and Accounts, as presented, and the carrying into effect of the recommendations of the Board as to the appropriation of the profit for the financial year ended December 31, 1939.

The proposal that the appointment of Mr. A. Morse as a Director, be confirmed, and that Mr. J. Scott Harston and the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields be re-elected to the Board

Terriers In Maginot Line

First War Trophy Is Nazi Gramophone

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The first battalion of Territorials to be in direct contact with the Germans is the Northamptonshire Regiment which is already holding outpost positions in front of the Maginot Line.

The Territorials are amateur civilian soldiers of peace time who now are part of the regular army.

They have had their full share of patrol work and although they have had no engagements with the enemy they had penetrated deep into Normandy's land.

The First Prize

Their first prize was a German gramophone which is being sent to the Regiment's headquarters in England.

The gramophone was found during a patrol. It was found in a cottage which had been used by the Germans. With it were 22 records and a radio set.

The patrol took the gramophone records but when they went back the next night they found the Germans had been there before them and the radio set had disappeared.

JOHN L. LEWIS TAKES OVER

NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Mr. John L. Lewis, the Labour Leader, has arrived to take charge of negotiations to prevent the underground railway strike.

Mr. Lewis declared that he had settled the whole controversy last Wednesday at a conference with Mayor La Guardia, but the settlement had since been nullified by Mr. John L. Delaney, Chairman of the Transport Board.

Promises, No Strike

NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Mr. John L. Lewis announces that the labour situation on the New York underground railways and other transit lines is satisfactorily settled and that the strike will not eventuate.

Last-Minute Negotiations

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". NEW YORK, April 2 (UP).—Five million inhabitants of New York are threatened by the grant railway strike, which may paralyse communication on New York's subway and elevated railway systems.

Twentyseven thousand railway workers are affected by the strike decision. Mayor La Guardia and Mr. John Lewis, the Labour Union Chief, conferred to-day in an attempt to achieve a last-minute settlement.

R.E.O.C.A. DANCE

At an extraordinary general meeting held in Wellington Barracks with Lt. Col. R. G. Lamb R.E. in the chair, Captain A. C. Houghton R.E. and M. W. Lock R.E. were unanimously elected to fill the vacancies of Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Entertainment Committee of the R.E.O.C.A.

The next dance will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday, April 6 from 8.30 p.m. till 1.15 a.m. The music will be provided by the dance band of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots. (By kind permission of Lt. Col. D. J. McDougall M.C. and Officers).

In addition to Spot and Novelty prizes, there will be cabaret items given by David Kossick, Ernest Perry, Ernie Fowler and Dick Labrum.

Admission (the right of which is strictly reserved by the Committee) is Ladies \$1.50; Gents \$2. (Members under the rank of Sergeant \$1.50).

Tables can be reserved at the hotel, Tel. 58081 or from the Secretary, Tel. 34121, Ext. 243.

The dance booked for April 20 is unavoidably postponed to a later date.

SWITZERLAND'S PRECAUTIONS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". ZURICH, Apr. 2 (UP).—Switzerland, which is already paying more per capita for mobilisation than any other neutral country, announced additional precautions to-day, in view of possible operations by belligerent Powers during the imminent spring weather.

Eight thousand members of Swiss motor units have been called up as a precautionary measure.

JAPANESE ARMY CHIEF DIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". PEIPING, Apr. 3 (UP).—It is announced that Major-General Suke-toshi Kidani died in a local hospital on March 20, following his admission for illness a fortnight earlier.

was made by Mr. B. W. Tape, seconded by Mr. C. N. Kong and carried. Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$1,000 each per annum on the proposal of Mr. J. T. Bigham, seconded by Mr. S. S. Higin.

Present at the meeting were the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields and Mr. Li Tae-fong (Directors), Mr. J. H. Taggart (Managing Director) and Mr. R. Taylor (Acting Secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs. N. V. A. Crocker, S. S. Harris, Ho Kai-ham, P. H. Suckling, B. W. Tape, C. N. Kong, J. T. Bigham, Mok Yu-yun, Lo Yuk-tong, Lo Kai-wing, Wong Man-ching, Lau Shul-chuen, Fook Sun-ko, and F. E. Silva.

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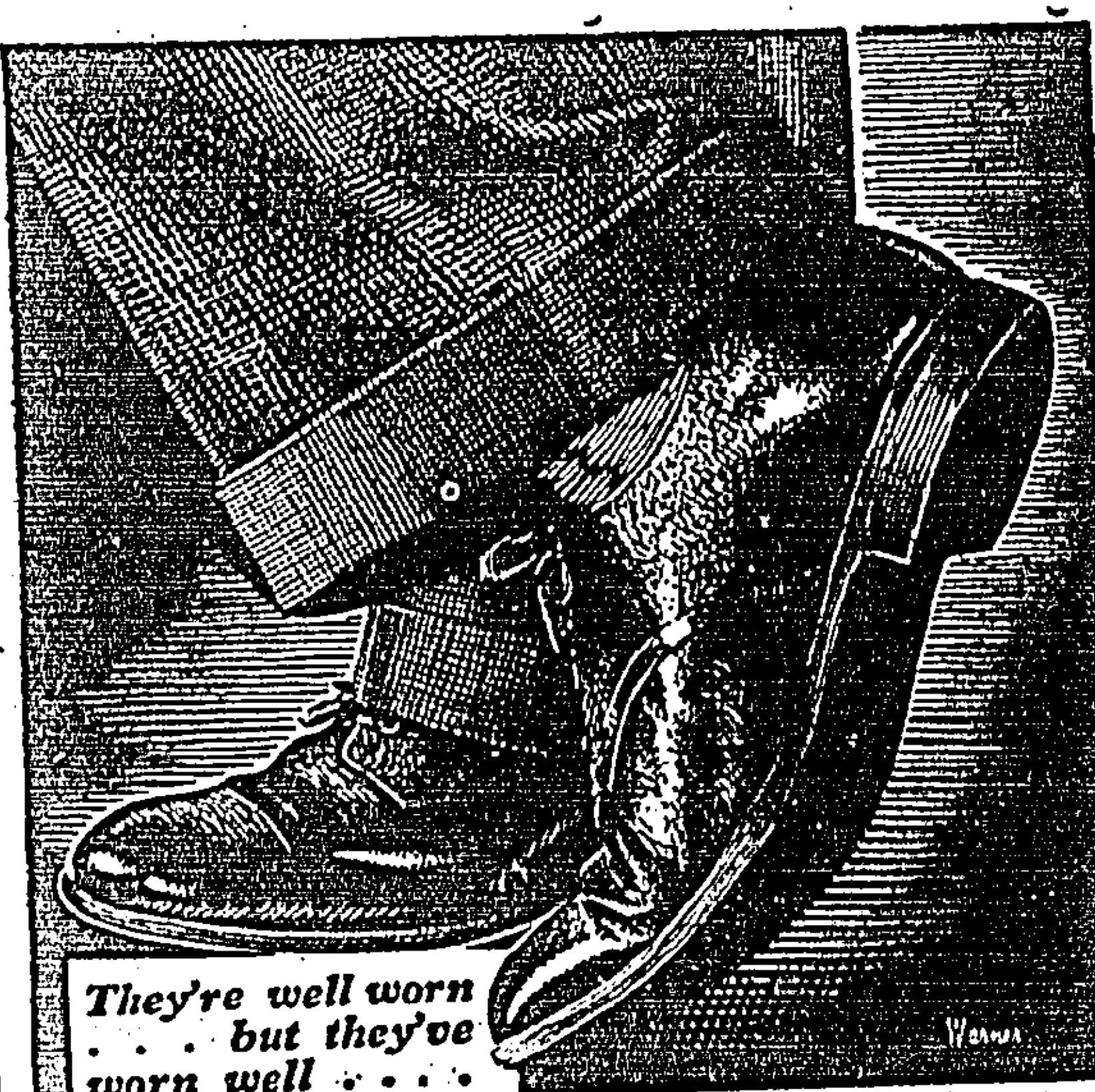
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New Chairman Of China Society

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Dr. Percival W. Yetts, Professor of Chinese Art and Archaeology at London University since 1932, has been elected Chairman of the China Society in succession to Sir Denison Ross.

U.S. Fleet Sails

SAN PEDRO, Apr. 2 (UP).—The United States Battle Fleet sailed to-day. Battleships were the last to leave. The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Charles Edison, and Admiral Richardson were aboard U.S.S. Pennsylvania.

"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

SELECTING SIDE TO PLAY THE CHAMPIONS

Close Sunday Game Between Kowloon C.C. And Civil Servants

THE END OF THE PRESENT season look as though it is going to be literally a wash out. The Army, last Saturday, still hoped at 11.30 a.m., as they play on matting, but the heavens opened just before one o'clock and that was that. Sunday was a delightful day. We were very thankful for it, but a few delightful Saturdays would not come amiss. Let us hope for a couple of decent ones to wind up with.

At present I have no information whether the League matches outstanding will be played or abandoned. But there is a game mooted which I should much like to see played and that is between the League winners and the rest of the League.

Incidentally, this shuts out the Hongkong Club players, if one interprets it strictly. Doing this, a team from the League could be made quite a good one. It has been the custom in the past, if my memory serves me, to select a side representing all the other Clubs without keeping the idea of selections the strongest side possible.

Working on these old lines Crispin, Moore, I.R.C., Civil Service Army and the University should have at least one representative, and speaking somewhat at random I should imagine most people would pick Ernie and F. R. Zimmerman (no room for Billmorris if A. R. Minu is in), E. L. Gosano and Ozorio, A. R. Minu and A. H. Madar, Richardson and McCallan, (or Perry) Major Grose and Sgt. Denyer, and Gegg.

Or it may be thought that such a selection contains too many bowlers at the expense of the batting in which case one might put in Gerry Gosano for Ozorio and Skipwith for Denyer. Suppose, however, one attempted to select a stronger team, without applying the representation clause. One of the most curious thing in the position would be that the Civil Service—the team with practically the worst record in the League would have three strong candidates, and if Grose should for any reason be unable to play possibly four, as Fortescue is probably a better wicket-keeper plus batsman than either Ernie or Archie Zimmerman.

W. G.'S METHOD
BUT let us start with W. G. Grace's method of picking a team. First

two good opening bowlers. I should prefer E. L. Gosano and A. R. Minu. They contrast well, and even if Minu has not bowled quite up to his form this season he is still the best slow medium left hand we have.

Now two change bowlers. I would pick McCallan and Ozorio. Again a slight contrast between them, and not too like the opening pair. Then a wicket-keeper. Grose, of course, has the place. He is the second best in the Colony, and would of course skipper the side. Then a couple of good batsmen. Richardson definitely should count as one of these. On last season's form A. H. Madar would have been a certainty though he has seldom come off this year. I should incline to give the place to Perry as his bowling is probably more useful than that of Madar.

It seems a bit queer that there is no other outstanding batsman quite batting alone, but for the life of me I cannot think of one. Ernie Zimmerman is too doubtful a starter. Skipwith has played some big innings but in two I saw he was definitely lucky not to be out early on, and he has had several failures. Incidentally I have regarded Fay as a Club player though he would be qualified to play in a similar game in the Junior Division.

FOUR VACANCIES

So far I have arrived at seven names, and there are any amount of players who could fill the vacancies. Personally I should pick A. H. Madar and G. N. Gosano. Natarajan has lost much of his old form while G. Souza has had a disappointing season. For the last two places I should select Denyer and F. R. Zimmerman. The former is an excellent field, a fair change bowler, and a hurricane hitter who might completely alter the state of a game in half an hour. The latter is a useful all round player. But there are at least half a dozen players who might quite well be included in the side.

COLONY BADMINTON

DOUBLES SEMI-FINAL

ORIGIN AND GROWTH OF SOCCER

Army Chaplain Lectures To Referees' Assn.

A LECTURE on the origin and growth of soccer was given by Rev. S. Hinchcliffe, Army Chaplain, at the monthly meeting of the Referees' Association last night.

Mr. Hinchcliffe said the earliest stage of football was more or less a street game in which players took a kick at the ball or the opponents whenever the opportunity arose. Early opposition to the game came when the Army maintained that it interfered with archery. It was also suggested that it should not be played on Sundays.

The game was systematised in the 18th century when it was played on a ground measuring 100 yards by 50 with goal-posts three feet apart. The first side to send the ball through the posts was the winner.

LEAGUE INTRODUCED

IN 1889 the English Football Association came into being. In 1893 touch lines were put in and the bar across the goal-posts replaced the original cloth tape. It was not until 1902 that the field was marked as at present. The English League was introduced in 1889. Lack of spirit in the game was probably why it was introduced.

Mr. Hinchcliffe said he was proud that the Church was more or less responsible for the organisation of some of the well known teams now playing in the league, most having arisen from Christian organisations. As a result of a meeting held by Army officials in 1889 it was decided to organise an Army League but in 1892 the Army became affiliated with the present English Football Association.

At the conclusion of the lecture it was proposed that referees should be levelled a small sum from their fees towards the building fund. It was suggested that 50 cents a month would meet all requirements.

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SUNDAY CRICKET

I HAD written up my notes so far on Sunday morning, when at 11.30 a.m. I discovered that there was a game over at the K.C.C. As it was Sunday 11.30 a.m.—about 2.30 p.m. as it happened—I missed Richardson's innings, which I hear was rather scratchy at first, but saw the end of C.S.C.C. innings, with Hollidge and Attwell quite at home with the bowling.

A declaration at 10.5 for 5 at four o'clock seemed to give the C.S.C.C. some chance of winning and a fairly safe passage in any case. After the two blank Saturdays, I had expected Perry and McCallan to shake off the staleness from which they have both been suffering, but neither of them could get a wicket, and the bowling, with the exception of Fenton, broke down. I think too much use was made of Whitley and it would perhaps have been better policy to have given Hawkins an over or so earlier on.

The K.C.C. started very slowly, but the outfield was a bit heavy though it was drier than it had been at the beginning of the match, but as the bowling grew looser they took advantage of all the bad ones, and a fine stand by Anderson and E. F. Fincher enabled them to win eventually by three wickets.

ENJOYABLE GAME

IT was a very enjoyable game but the Civil Service should have done better. They were saved for the absence of Fortescue and Barrow, at full strength. K.C.C. had Teddy Fincher away. His left thumb has not yet recovered from the terrific crack he got in the Revere match, and I gather some of the lightheadedness of the game is not his right hand in these tennis days! Which reminds me that the tennis stand now obstructs the Supreme Court deep field on the Club Ground. But this always happens when "the hounds of fate" are on cricket's track. I may paraphrase the late Mr. Swinburne.

Wong And Au Defeat Eardley and Smith

(By "Tinker")

IT WAS NOT UNEXPECTED that Patrick Wong and C. Au should defeat H. Eardley and N. L. Smith in their semi-final match in the Colony open badminton doubles championship at the Club de Recreio last night, and they did so by 15-6, 6-15, 15-12.

It was an amazing game of fluctuating form. The Chinese pair in the first game were right on top, but relapsed in the second to allow the St. John's pair to take the ascendancy. The Chinese pair came into prominence again in the final game and jumped into a 14-5 lead, when they relapsed again and Eardley and Smith took seven points in a row to climb up to 12-14.

Following their exhibition in the second game, the odds were apparently in Eardley's and Smith's favour for winning the match, for their recovery after the first game was wonderful. Smith never dropped below the steady stage, and was, at times, brilliant—moving around the court with extraordinary speed, recovering shots which his partner had little chance of reaching.

The superior combination and strokes of the Chinese pair, however, carried them through. Their prowess was best exemplified in the first game when they led 5-2, 6-3, 12-5, 14-8. Wong was much to the fore with smashes and drop shots from the baseline. Au's net work was excellent, and together they had the St. John's pair continually on the move.

A RECOVERY

WHILE the Chinese Y.M.C.A. pair relapsed in the second game, Eardley and Smith gained some semblance of form and combination. Eardley was very active in the forecourt, and won many points with his hard smash. Smith provided an extremely effective cover from the baseline, and they led 3-0, 4-2, 8-2, 14-4. Eardley and Smith had recovered, but what optimistic supporters of the St. John's pair had overlooked was that it was a recovery coinciding with a falling-off of the Chinese pair.

It was not, therefore, very surprising when in the third game the Chinese pair regained the lead. But again, co-incidentally, Eardley and Smith, particularly the former, were guilty of many errors. They led 3-0, but the Chinese drew up to 4-1 and then led 7-4, 11-4, 14-5.

THRILLING RALLY

SERVICE changed hands at this point, and it signalled the beginning of a rally that had the spectators on the edge of their seats. Slowly, with excellently placed drop shots and cross-court smashes, Eardley and Smith rose up to 12-14, at which point service changed hands for the last time.

Smith, during this rally, did the work of two. He was all over the court, bringing off the most remarkable recovery shots, instituting at the same time winners, either short or down the side lines. It was a big disappointment to him that he should have lost the point that gave the Chinese the match. He returned one jump outside the sideline.

Au and Wong will now meet the winners of the K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew v. M. A. Silva and M. A. Oliveira match at the Kowloon Cricket Club to-night.

University Win Mixed Doubles Match

In the mixed doubles of the Badminton League, University beat Revere B 8-1 last night. P. F. Bun and Miss U. Khoo beat C. Pereira and Miss M. Xavier 21-2; beat H. Goncalves and Miss S. Remedios 21-4; beat N. Beltrao and Mrs. E. Souza 21-5.

H. F. Chew and Miss E. Khoo beat Pereira and Miss Xavier 21-18; lost to Goncalves and Miss Remedios 10-21; beat Beltrao and Miss Souza 21-15. K. L. Yong and Miss K. J. Hung beat Pereira and Miss Xavier 21-14; beat Goncalves and Miss Remedios 21-15; beat Beltrao and Miss Souza 21-1.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey Teams

The following will represent the 1st XI of the Y.M.C.A. against University on the "A" ground at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow: Jordan and Youtieff; Kempton, Pennington and Waldron; Bates, Gemmill, White, Colledge and Walls. The 2nd XI against the R.A.S.C. on the same day at the R.A.C. ground will be: Millington; Killeen and Grant; Smith, Hightland and Baldwin; Banks, Dornier, Taylor, Gilbert and Brown.

Around The Courses

OPEN TITLE SHOULD PAY FOR 10 YEARS

Kowloon Club Champion Gone From Hongkong

(By "Birdie")

GOLF CHAMPIONS should have no fear of the days when they have been dethroned—if the opinion of Ralph Guldahl, 1937 and 1938 Open Champion of the United States, is of any value. To him, a National Championship is worth about \$25,000 a year for five or six years, "and a smart champion should cash in on his prestige for the next ten or fifteen years, provided he keeps himself in the limelight."

Guldahl is managing this alright. His name still frequently figures in the top ones of big tournaments, but it is not the money collected from these tournaments that adds up to \$25,000—exhibitions, endorsements and salaries from manufacturers do that.

In 1933, Guldahl finished second in the Open to Johnny Goodman, the amateur, missing a four-foot putt on the final green that would have given him a tie. He was runner-up. For a while his name was remembered and then forgotten. In 1934 he was last among the first nine, and during the following year when he was offered a job as motorcar salesman he almost threw it in his hand and accepted. He disliked having to admit defeat, however, and the automobile agency financed him for what he termed his "desperation tournament tour."

It was a success. In 1936 he captured the Western Open Championship, and the Radix Cup for the year's lowest scoring professional. His average for this latter trophy was a record of 71.05 strokes for 84 rounds. In 1937 and 1938 he won both the National and Western Open Championships. It was not by this, however, that he started what he called "cashing in." His average earnings from prize money for the past four years has been something around \$9,000, and this, he states, only balances his travelling and other expenses.

On a tour through nine states, he gave 45 exhibitions in 50 days. He lectured for forty-five minutes before each exhibition—answering questions from the average golfer—and made careful note of all that was said. From this material came a book. All this spent dollars.

AND, perhaps, so it should. Bobby Jones, the "grand slam" champion of 1930, when he took the British and American Open and

Amateur championships, made a recent comparison of the old game and the new, and states that competition these days is decidedly tougher. Courses, he says, are getting easier, and putting better. "In the old days if you had a good third round you could count on picking up a lot of strokes. Nearly everybody blow up. Now you have to shoot the works every round."

Let no one think this grand player is finished. He plays regularly at the East Lake Course, Atlanta, and only just over a month ago returned a 63 to tie his own record for the 70-par course.

Golf lost one of its greatest men when Jones retired, but he isn't regretful. He says he got enough golf into the 15 years he was in competition.

AND while talking of Jones, the Kowloon Golf Club have lost their champion. A. E. Davies, who has been recalled home. He was a Chief Physical Training Instructor at the Royal Naval Dockyard, and, I think, he has returned to Portsmouth—where is his native course.

He has left behind in the Kowloon G.C. a fine record for emulation. His last big victory was over J. T. Smith during the Happy Valley-Kowloon match on Good Friday. The match, however, was played off over the last week-end. Once more Mrs. A. J. Kew and her sister, Miss L. G. Ablong—the finalists of the women's championship—were in opposition, and Miss Ablong and her partner, C. H. Suen, surprised all when they won on the 19th. T. Y. C. Lee, Mrs. Kew's partner, only recently came to Hongkong from Shanghai, where he was possessed of a handicap of 9. One has only to see him play an iron to believe that.

By a far bigger margin, Miss E. Hoan and G. Lee beat Miss Squiera and Dr. P. K. C. Tyan in the other semi-final. The losers conceded eleven strokes, and lost by 6 and 3.

With the final of this competition next Sunday, the tournament season of the Country Club comes to an end.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held weather permitting at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 6th April, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
No One without a badge will be permitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock NOON. Timings are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21020).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, C. D. BROWN, Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1940.

CUNNINGHAM TO HANG UP HIS SPIKES

He Hoped To Run In His Third Olympiad

NEW YORK, Mar. 14. (Reuter).—The lightning feet of Glenn Cunningham, America's most famous miler, will plough the cinder tracks no more in competition when 1940 is out.

Confirming earlier reports that he would hang up his spikes at the end of this year, Glenn declared in a broadcast that he would definitely retire from active competition after 1940.

"For a long time now I've postponed my retirement from active competition, but it's one of those things that can't be put off forever. This will be my last year," he said. "I've continued in competition these past two years mainly with the hope of trying for my third successive Olympic team. Now conditions on the other side have made the holding of the Olympic Games impossible. So why go on?" he said.

Eastern's Team Against Middlesex

The following will represent Eastern in their League match with the Middlesex Regiment at the Club Ground at 5 p.m. to-day.—Lau Hin-chung; Cheng Ying-kuen, Tsang Chung-wan; Lo Wai-kuen, Hsu King-seng; Lau Shih-tsang; Leo Tack-keo; Cheung Kam-hoi, Tsui Ah-fai; Ng Chi-long and Hau Ching-to.

Scottish Soccer Results

LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—The following were the results of matches played in the Scottish Regional soccer leagues to-day:

WESTERN

Clyde	2	Airdrie	0
Queen's Park	4	Dumbarton	0
Kilmarnock	1	Third Lanark	2

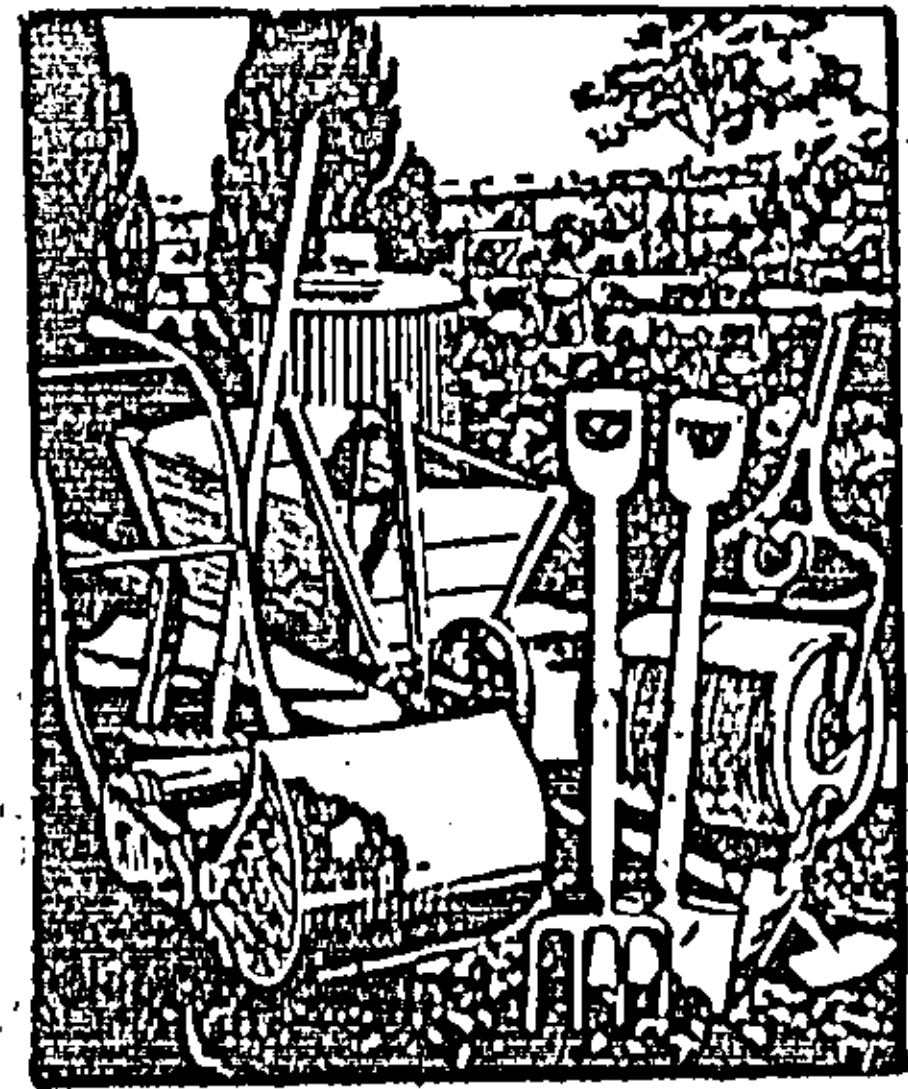
ARSENAL OPPOSED TO SUMMER CUP

LONDON.—Arsenal F.C. have no objection to an extension of the football season, but they are opposing the Cup idea because the fixture list is already overloaded. Mr. G. P. Allison, secretary-manager, said that whilst they were willing to fall in with the wishes of the majority, he could not see any good purpose in "hogging" football with new competitions.

The forthcoming meeting of Football League clubs at Leeds is likely to show that opinion is far from unanimous about a Summer Cup or the like. The suggestion of a professional football should be organized for the rest of the year. In theory two-thirds of the clubs are in favour of an out-of-season knock-out competition. Yet even in peacetime few clubs which get into the F.A. Cup competition proper make any profit out of it.—Our Own Correspondent.

1st XI will be represented by: Bennett; Jordan and Youtieff; Kempton, Pennington and Waldron; Bates, Gemmill, White, Colledge and Walls. The 2nd XI against the R.A.S.C. on the same day at the R.A.C. ground will be: Millington; Killeen and Grant; Smith, Hightland and Baldwin; Banks, Dornier, Taylor, Gilbert and Brown.

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By Ernie Bushmiller



You've all seen the famous Judge Hardy Series of films. The "Telegraph" has arranged with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer to obtain the serial rights of the next story in this popular series. It begins to-day—

ANDY HARDY GETS SPRING FEVER

ADAPTED FROM THE Metro Goldwyn Mayer PICTURE
by BEATRICE FABER

COURT had been dismissed for the day and Judge Hardy was back at his desk in chambers, finishing off the day's mail.

That is, he should have been finishing it, but a dreamy lethargy had come over him, staying his hand and slowing his mind.

His eyes were soft, his lips faintly smiling as his gaze followed a purple and yellow butterfly. Then he breathed deeply, for the perfumed scent of lilacs was in the air. Ah Spring, it was here again. Young men were being arrested for kissing their young ladies in parked cars, the taxes were due on the aqueduct land and the sky was the blue of a baby's eyes. Yes, Spring had definitely arrived.

He started, as the clerk announced two callers.

One of them, a prosperous, substantial-looking man of about forty-five, strode forward and offered his hand. "Good afternoon, Judge," said Mr. Hansen. "This is Mr. Willis and this is Mr. Hansen."

The Judge nodded, waved them to chairs and listened attentively as Willis talked. He himself, Willis explained, was a business man from the northern part of the state. Now, here was the point of this visit: Mr. Hansen was a chemist, and last week he had stumbled on something truly remarkable, something that would interest the Judge. It was understood of course that the Judge would deal with them fairly after they told him of the discovery.

Judge Hardy nodded stiffly. "My integrity is fairly well established in Carvel."

Willis nodded. "We know that. But Judge, do you know that one of the most important factors in this is-day is the metal aluminum?"

"No," the Judge said, startled. He had always thought of the important factors in life as being decency and honesty and kindness. "Is it?"

Willis came forward. "Yes, And aluminum comes from the mineral bauxite." He took a small vial from his pocket. "This bottle of soil contains eight percent aluminum bauxite. And," he added significantly, "it comes from a piece of property north of Carvel. You own it."

This raised the Judge from his chair. "What? From my aqueduct land?"

"Exactly," Hansen said. "That's why we're here. He proffered a slip of paper. "Here's an analysis of it."

"In other words," Judge Hardy asked, "my property is worth money?"

"That's right. Have the sample put to any test you like. There's a fortune in this for all of us."

"Those words," said the Judge, as the men rose to go, "are the pleasantest I've heard in a long while."



the bottle, nodded with satisfaction and then climbed back into his car. Well, a few days time would tell. If those men were right, he'd be a rich man yet. In the meantime it wouldn't do a bit of harm to check their statements by having his own sample of the soil analysed.

Suddenly he heard a loud Indian yell, and glanced back. There was his son, Andy, leaping down the street, jumping over steps and boxes, for the sheer joy of life in Springtime. The Judge watched him for a wistful moment. Ah youth—wonderful gift that man cherishes only when he has lost it. Shaking his head a bit he started the car and drove on.

Joyously unaware of his father's reflections, Andy "good" down the street. He half turned as little Harmon Higginsbottom, Junior, known otherwise as Stinkin' Plaster, called forlornly, "Where you going Andy?"

"None of your business," Andy retorted. That kid was always trying to tag along.

"Kin I go with you?"

"No." Andy tore away and a moment later dashed into Polly Benedict's garden. "Hi Polly," he yelled. Gee, she sure looked pretty, dressed all in white and sitting in the garden swing. "Boy, didn't ever see such a day? Gee, I feel swell." He stopped short. Lolling on a chair was a young man wearing a Naval Ensign's uniform. "Oh—hello Polly."

"She was polite but definitely chilly. 'How are you Andy? Uh—this is Ensign Charles Cooper of the United States Navy. Andrew Hardy, Charlie.'"

Andy began to show a healthy skepticism. "A Rear Admiral—in Carvel? Aw, go on."

Charlie explained. The Government was building a huge training

school for the navy reserve and it was their job to supervise part of Carvel's road construction so that in a national emergency thousands of men and supplies could be moved efficiently.

"Isn't that simply terrific!" Polly exclaimed.

Andy hated to admit it, but it was "It's big, all right." Gee whiz, why was it that every time he felt in a loving mood, Polly got these "old guys" around her. "I don't imagine it's going to keep you here long," he said to Charlie hopefully.

"About six weeks."

"Oh." He took it on the chin and blinked. "Why, that's swell." Then he made a desperate grab for lost prestige. "Yep, that's great. You'll be here to see our Track meet. I," he added casually, "run the 440 yard dash. I hold the school record."

Polly giggled. "Why Andy, isn't Charlie's name familiar? Charles Cooper. My goodness, Andy, didn't you read about him in the last Olympic games?"

Andy's eyes glazed over. "You—you were in the Olympics, huh?"

Charlie shrugged with becoming modesty. "Uh-huh."

Andy edged toward the door. He was a little weak from the blow. "Well, I guess I got to be going. My father wants me to take care of something important for him."

"You mean—wash the car?"

Polly teased.

Andy turned to the Ensign and smiled painfully. "Kids have such a funny sense of humour, don't they? Well gee—bye."

who was cleaning vegetables at the sink. "That boy—now he's off on another tack. He's been as good as gold for about two weeks. I might have expected a change any day. He came, all right." Then she broke off and stared at the Judge walked through the kitchen to the back garden without saying a word. His only greeting was a dreamy little wave of recognition. He had the detached look of a man who is walking on air. She peered out the window and ran back.

"Well, for pity's sake Milly. Do you see James? He's mowing the lawn. At his age. What can he be thinking of?" She marched determinedly to the stove. "I can guess, though. Spring. It happens every year. Well, I'll tell you this, spring-fever or no spring fever, I'm not serving dinner one minute later than usual."

The Judge was running a very crooked swath across the lawn as his daughter Marlin came up to him. He smiled as he faced her. Sometimes, Marlin, at eighteen, could be more earnest than the oldest jurist he had ever known.

And sure enough, she did have something on her mind. "Dad," she said tensely, "As you know, I haven't any current heart interest now. I mean, any steady one. Lately my life seems so sort of pointless—so I want to try earning my own living. I want to be doing something."

He looked at her thoughtfully. "Well, I'll admit, I'd like to see you earning your own living in case you hit it. But I'd hate to have you—take somebody's pay cheque away—somebody who might need it."

"But Dad—"

"Marlin!" Mrs. Hardy called from the window, "time to see the table."

The Judge patted his daughter's arm. "I'll put my thinking-cap on and see what we can do."

He bent to the lawn mower. Nice girl, he decided vaguely. She'll grow up into a grand woman like her mother some day. Then, his thoughts turned again, to

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 3, 1890.
We learn that the very handsome gift to the Masons of Hongkong which Wor. Bros. the Hon. C. P. Chater, Wor. Bros. Gillies and Bro. Mohr are making, will consist of a new Lodge room on exactly the same lines as the existing one, in the rear of which it will be erected. This will enable two lodges to be held at once. The cost is estimated at about \$15,000.

Last night the Duke and Duchess of Connaught were entertained by the Chinese community at the Ko-shing Theatre.

25 YEARS AGO

April 3, 1915.
The National Union of Journalists wires to the Allies, and states that it appreciates the co-operation of Japan in freeing the seas and nations in the Far East from the peril of allied aggression and trusts that the friendship of the two island races may long endure.

A couple of interesting letters from Rudyard Kipling to a French friend have been published in Paris. He freely uses the word "Boche" as every soldier does, any he could tell some pretty stories of the Indian troops, but they are nearly all in your country, sarcastically refers to German "Gilius" and closes one of his notes with the following passage:

"Let us take courage and rejoice that it has been given us to live in such times. The issue is beyond all doubt, and the re-crystallization of Europe will be something for the survivors to see. If we die, at any rate our two countries will not and they will recreate the world."

10 YEARS AGO

April 3, 1930.
Another important step in the development of the new planet was taken in the near future when work on a big block of residential four roomed flats will be started on the vacant ground between the Star Theatre and the Y.M.C.A. This valuable building site has remained undeveloped for many years being merely occupied by various market gardeners and flower sellers.

The Pulkovo Observatory has taken two photographs of the new planet recently discovered by the Lowell Observatory in Arizona. In the United States Senate yesterday, there was a debate on the planet, especially in relation to reports reflecting doubts on its existence.

5 YEARS AGO

April 3, 1935.
During a protracted debate in the House of Lords to-day, Viscount Peel, former Cabinet Minister, proposed that Great Britain should accept the role of mediator in any dispute which should arise between Japan and China.

The Duke of Atholl, famous old soldier, deprecated the often-heard theory that Japan was making an effort to absorb China. "She has tried long enough without trying to conquer China," the Duke of Atholl declared, "with Russia waiting and watching."

The striking revelation that a considerable part of the Swedish armament industry was under foreign, and particularly German control, was made in a report of the Comintern examination of the question of armament manufacture.

Asked at question time in the House of Commons whether Herr Hitler had given to the British representatives at the Berlin party any indication as to the strength and size of the German Air Force, Sir John Simon, the Foreign Minister, replied in the affirmative.

In the course of his conversations, he said, Chancellor Hitler had stated in general terms that Germany had reached parity with Great Britain in the air.

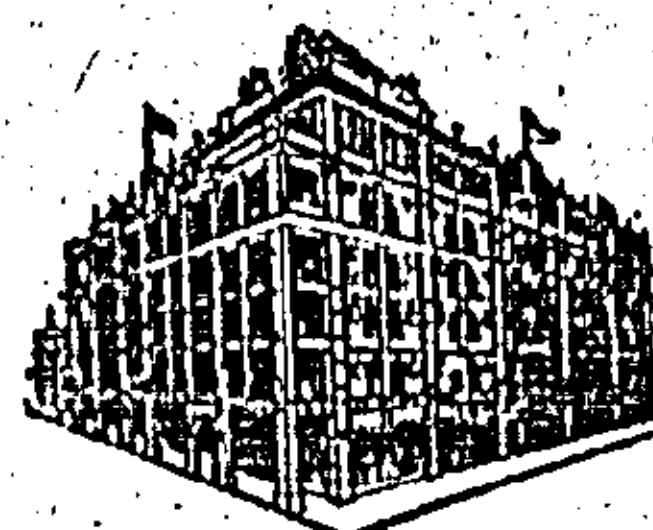
At the close of question time, Mr. Winston Churchill asked the Prime Minister whether in view of Sir John Simon's answer he would provide an opportunity for a debate upon these "urgent and serious matters."

The Prime Minister replied that the state of Parliament's business was so pressing at the moment that the Government was unable to set aside any special day for this discussion.

aluminum. If only that sample came back with the same report as the one that Willis and Hansen had given him, he'd be able to retire and live in case the rest of his life.

He straightened up. My, what a wonderful Spring day this had turned out to be.

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(Continued from Page 2.)

"We wish to see no extension of the war—but we want to bring it to an end as soon as possible," he said. "We can do that by getting all neutral nations to understand that the war concerns them, because we are fighting for their lives as well as our own."

Mr. Attlee said he was convinced that the over-claiming opinion of all democracies was on Britain's side.

"They know perfectly well we are fighting their battle, and they know quite well there will be no more international law if we don't win. It will only be the law of the jungle enforced by the Nazis," he asserted.

He emphasised the necessity for closest collaboration with France both during and after the war.

"Our task is not merely to win the war but also to win peace," he declared, and urged a more vigorous policy in both the diplomatic and economic fields.

Collaboration To Continue
LONDON, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Mr. Clement Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition, and Sir Percy Harris (who spoke in the absence of Sir Archibald Sinclair, Leader of the Liberal Opposition), in the House of Commons to-day associated themselves with the tributes to Sir John Gilmour (Minister of Shipping who died a couple of days ago) and Mr. A. Savage (late Prime Minister of New Zealand).

Mr. Attlee said that he was glad to note that Anglo-French collaboration was not to stop at the end of the war. Much of the troubles from which they were suffering to-day arose from misunderstanding between Britain and France after the victory gained in the last war.

Their task was not merely to win the war. It was to win the peace.

Referring to neutrals, Mr. Attlee said that he was quite convinced that overwhelmingly the opinion of all democracies was on the side of the Allies. "They know perfectly well that we are fighting their battle and they know quite well that there will be no more international law if we do not win. We have got to preserve international law above all by defeating the aggressor."

Mr. Attlee wanted to see a rigorous policy carried out both in the economic and diplomatic fields. "We wish to see no extension of the war, but we want to bring it to an end as soon as possible. We can do that by getting all neutral nations to understand that the war concerns them because we are fighting for their lives as well as our own."

French Comment
PARIS, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—"We have always been confident that the Allies will win the war. Now we are confident that they will win the peace."

This was one comment on Mr. Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons in Paris to-day.

The Allies' determination to wage the war in all aspects, coupled with the plain hint to neutrals, is felt to give a clue to the lines that a more active Anglo-French policy will take.

Netherlands Trepidation
AMSTERDAM, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Mr. Chamberlain's speech was read with some trepidation in political circles which still feel that Britain fails fully to appreciate the neutrals' position.

It is declared that giving a guarantee to Britain to limit trade with Germany would be an unequal act and bound to expose Holland to retaliatory action by Germany.

Moderate Speech
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Comment on Mr. Chamberlain's speech is scanty, but the speech is felt in some political circles to have been much more moderate than might have been expected after the talks abroad about Scandinavian neutrality.

At the same time, Britain's exact intentions are left obscure.

The lack of any specific reference to Swedish exports of iron ore to Germany is noted.

One comment, referring to Britain's

ROOSEVELT HAS INFLUENZA

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—On the advice of his doctor, President Roosevelt has postponed his visit to Warm Springs to April 18, his secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, announced yesterday.

Although it was reported that the President had been suffering from a persistent cold for the past few weeks, Mr. Early revealed that actually the President had influenza. His condition is now satisfactory.

The doctor, however, has decided that in view of the bad weather now prevailing in Warm Springs—there are heavy rains there—it would be best for the President to defer his visit.

His temperature has been normal for the past four days, but he is still suffering from the after-effects and continues to receive visitors in his private study.

maritime agreements with neutrals, was that "both parties would do well to keep and profit by them."

Oslo Satisfied
OSLO, Apr. 2 (Reuter).—Considerable satisfaction is expressed in political circles at the tone of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech.

One political commentator told "Reuter": "We never really expected that Britain intended to violate Norwegian territorial waters" by intercepting German ships, and we are glad to note that the speech appears to be reassuring on that point."

British Press Comment
LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Press is almost unanimous in the course of editorial on Mr. Chamberlain's speech, in emphasising that neutrals know that their only hope of survival as nations lies in the overthrow of the Nazi Reich, and in pointing out that intensification of the economic warfare is essential to this end.

The "Times" says that regard for the decencies of international conduct cannot deter the Allies from the prosecution of economic war to the very utmost of their power.

The "Daily Telegraph" states that offensive against the Nazi Reich but a defence of the neutrals from demands. The "Manchester Guardian" writes that our new stringency of the blockade may force Germany to try and break the cordon.

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REGISTRY WEDDING

Mr. Choy Wing-chiu & Miss Phyllis Grose

The wedding took place at the Registry yesterday of Mr. Choy Wing-chiu to Miss Phyllis Grose, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar, officiated.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Grose, of Conduit Road, was given away in marriage by her father. She wore a wedding gown of white pearl satin, cut on princess lines, with long fitted sleeves, draped bodice with neckline, and a sweeping train. Her veil of French tulle was caught to her head with a coronet of net and orange blossoms. Arum lilies composed her bouquet.

Miss Margaret Grose attended her sister as bridesmaid, in a frock of blue French net over matching taffeta, featuring a full skirt and squared neckline. She also wore a coronet of small flowers in pastel shades, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The flower girl was Miss Shirley Lo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Lo. She wore a full skirted dress of pink net over taffeta, and on her head a coronet of small flowers in pastel shades. In place of a bouquet, she carried a basket of pink roses.

The bride's mother was present in a Chinese ceremonial gown.

The bridegroom, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Choy Po-min, of Macdonnell Road, was attended by Mr. Andrew Tse, as best man.

The reception was held in the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel, after which Mrs. Choy changed into a Chinese dress of white angel-skin, embroidered with red chrysanthemums, trimmed with red, over which she wore a brown squirrel coat with a corsage of carnations.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Celebration and Display Of Handwork At Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Some 350 bright children, chosen from the thousands of children in Kowloon schools will participate in the celebration Children's Day at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Waterloo Road, at noon to-morrow.

The programme will consist of singing, dancing, masquerade, fancy skating, walking on stilts, and physical exercises, including Chinese boxing.

There will be an exhibition of a thousand paintings, sketches, emblems, and scrolls of Chinese writings. Handwork by some 900 children will be on display.

The public is cordially invited to attend the celebration and exhibition. The latter will be for three days, beginning to-morrow. There will be no charge for admission nor will there be solicitation of funds.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: H.K. Banks were dealt in at \$1,400, and a few Unions at \$510 and some H.K. Pines at \$185, the rest of the few dealings was confined to the junior issues. Market generally still quietish.

Buyers	
H.K. Banks	\$1,400
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$102
H.K. Docks C. Rts.	\$21½
H.K. Lands	\$21½
H.K. Electric	\$63
Cementa	\$10½
Watsons	\$8
Sincere	\$2
Wing On (H.K.)	\$44
Entertainment	\$60
Sellers	
Canton Ins.	\$22½
Union Ins.	\$208
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$105
H.K. Docks C. Rts.	\$22
H.K. Lands	\$21½
H.K. Tramways	\$17.00
Telephones (Old)	\$30
Telephones (New)	\$11.20
Sales	
H.K. Banks	\$1,400
Union Ins.	\$210
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$105
H.K. Docks C. Rts.	\$21½
Provident	\$4½
H.K. Lands	\$21½
H.K. Tramways	\$17½
H.K. Electric	\$63½
China Lights (Old)	\$8.10
H.K. Electric	\$63½
Telephones (Old)	\$29½
Telephones (New)	\$11
Watsons	\$8.15

MANILA GOLD SHARES	
Aloks	14½
Anlamok	21½
Baguio Gold	0.10
Batang Buhay	0.10
Die Wedge	10
Coco Grove	10½
Consolidated Mines	00.25
Democratization	10½
East Mindanao	00½
J. X. L.	33½
Imperial	20½
Imkon Mining	20½
Mambulao Consolidated	unquoted
Mantate Consolidated	20½
Mindanao Motherlode	20½
New Operation	20½
North Camarines	17½
Paracel (Immaus)	17½
San Mateo	04
Surigao Consolidated	10
Suyoc Consolidated	12½
Surigao Investment	unquoted
United Paracel	21½

LATE NEWS

WHAT RUSSIA HAS GAINED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told a questioner that approximately 41,900 square kilometres of land and lakes have been ceded to Russia by Finland.

Pearl River Opening

No Date Fixed Says Japanese Consul

In connection with a report regarding the opening of the Pearl River, on June 1, the acting Japanese Consul-General in Hongkong, Mr. T. Oda, stated this afternoon that while it was the intention of the Japanese authorities to throw the Pearl River open to all traffic, it was quite impossible to say when this aim could be achieved. There was no foundation, he said, for naming any date. Mr. Oda denied the report that thirteen ships, consisting of eight British, two Japanese, two Portuguese and one other, would be allowed to run between Canton and Hongkong weekly.

Regarding the building of a railway between Canton and Macao, Mr. Oda said he could throw no light on this matter as it was purely a military affair.

FINE WAR WORK BY CATHOLICS

CHUNGKING, Apr. 2 (UP).—Responsible Catholic missionaries in Chungking revealed that since the war began the Catholic churches have cared for 782,700 refugees.

Catholic hospitals have given 10,324,000 free treatments to refugees and poor people.

It is said that the Catholic hospitals, doing medical work numbered 267 in 1937, 247 in 1938 and 143 in 1939 and 1940.

INDECENT ASSAULT

European Fined: Will Leave The Colony

This morning, at the Kowloon Magistracy, Joseph Renee Alexander Turcotte, aged 33, described as a religious student, appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth on a charge of indecent assault at the Trocadero Hotel, Peking Road.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$100.

He was represented by Mr. J. N. D'Almeida Remedios who said that he had been instructed to plead guilty to the offence and to say that defendant had stooped down to this act of indecency in a moment of weakness.

No Objection To Fine

Mr. Remedios said that he had also been instructed to ask the Magistrate to view the case as leniently as possible as the defendant, who was of very bare means and intended to leave the Colony to-morrow night, had only sufficient money for his passage. Mr. Remedios asked the Magistrate to impose a fine according to defendant's means.

Sub-Inspector R. Cunningham, who prosecuted, said that the Police had no objection to a fine being imposed provided defendant left the Colony.

Sub-Inspector Cunningham then went on to say that on March 20 a little boy met another friend of his and they went to the hotel where they met defendant for the purpose of obtaining stamps.

Unsavory Case

On March 22 at 10 a.m. they visited the hotel again and were given some stamps by the defendant. The defendant asked the boy to sit by him and the boy did so.

At this stage, the Court was cleared, and when the Court was resumed, Mr. Himsforth described the case as unsavory.

He asked the defendant to give an undertaking that he would leave the Colony and Turcotte replied in the affirmative.

A fine of \$100 was imposed on defendant.

ISTANBUL, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The British Ambassador, Sir Hugh Kitchin-Hughes, had an interview with the President last night. At this interview the Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, was present.



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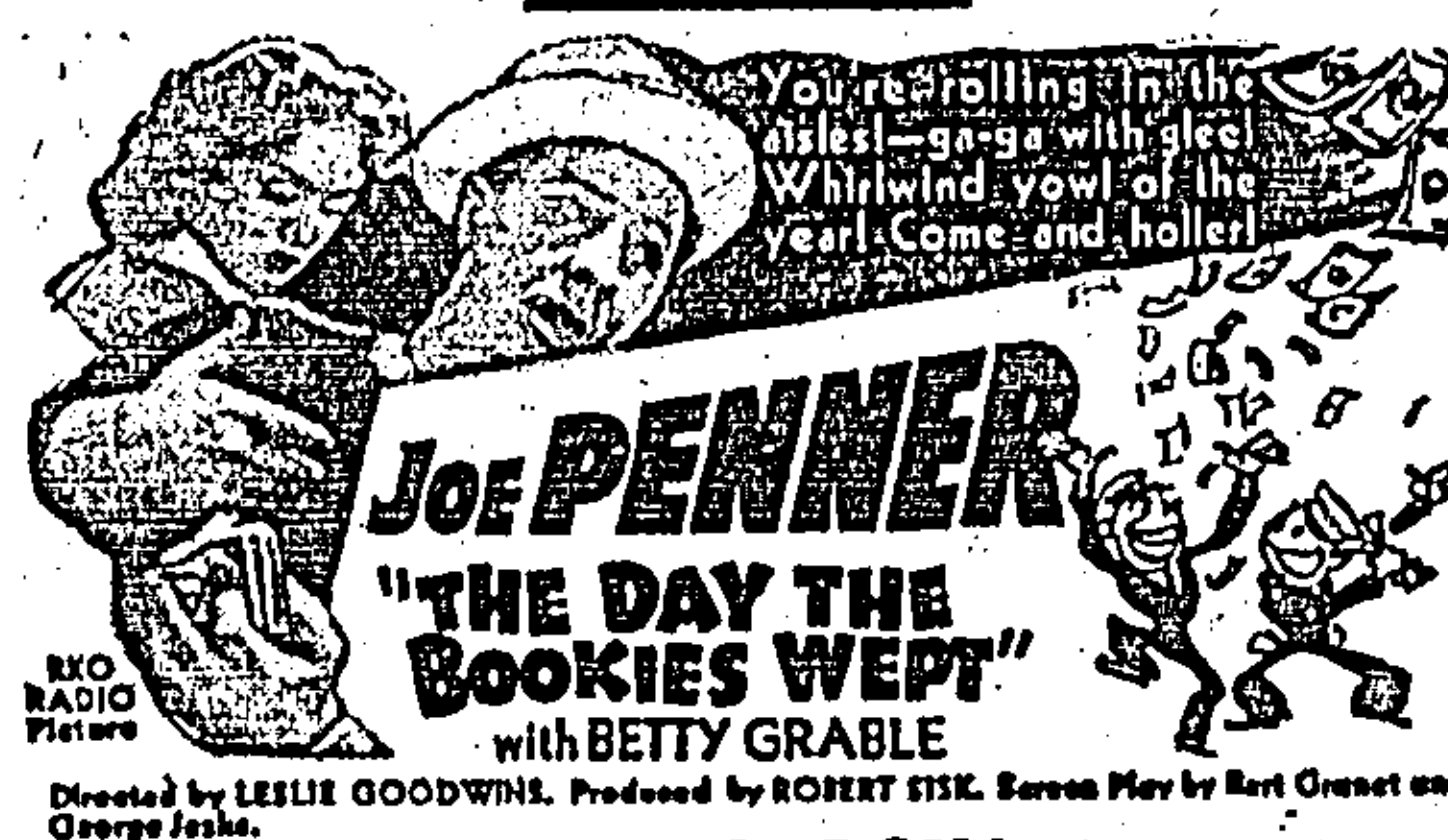
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